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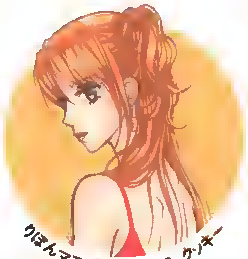

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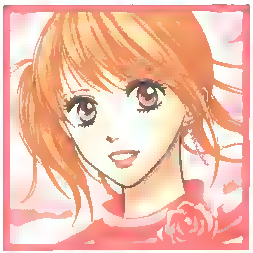

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A PARTY A PARTY!
THE PROFESSOR'S AN ELEGANT MAN. HE'S JUST MY TYPE
MAYBE WE'LL BE OFFERED AN EXCELLENT COCKTAIL
.....
.....
I FINALLY GET TO EAT MEAT AFTER SO LONG~
New Imperial
THE NEW IMPERIAL HOTEL
WILL EVERYTHING BE OK. ?
Due to the restaurant's 24 hours service, Reservation is not a must.

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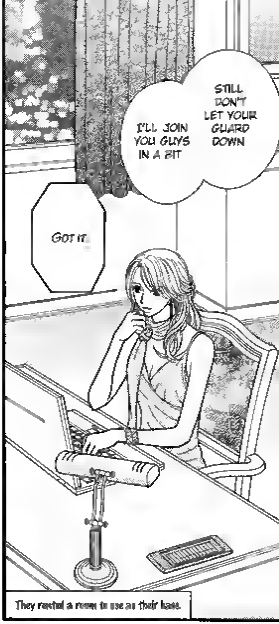
Conference Room for the Presentation of the Research
Conference held by Professor Amabe Taiki
a very renowned medical doctor
SHUN,
HOW'S EVERYTHING IN THE ROOM?
New Imperial
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYONE IS EMANATING ANY SUSPICIOUS AURAS RIGHT NOW.
REALLY?
Ok, ladies and gentlemen.
Raise your glasses!

IT'S ME KATAISHI
THE PLACE HAS A COMPLEX ALARM SYSTEM, AND I FOUND AN ESCAPE EXIT ON THE NEXT FLOOR
NIJIHARA HERE
THE SAME APPLIES TO THE UPPER FLOORS
OK! THE CONFERENCE HAS BEGUN. GO RETURN TO THE BALLROOM.


STILL DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN
I'LL JOIN YOU GUYS IN A BIT
GOT IT.
They rented a room to use as their base.

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IT'S TRUE, ALL THE GIRLS HERE ARE REALLY PRETTY.
What grades! ♥
Um
IN THAT CASE...

KUBO, YOU GATHER INFORMATION. AND KEEP AN EYE ON SHUKI.
Yes!
I'LL KEEP MY EYES ON HER!
DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY, OK?

WHACK!
Ow
Ooh!
Ww
A head butt
Bleah!
He's persistent
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IS YOU!
WHEN EMBARRASSED SHE GETS ANGRY EASILY
Some actors are rumored to have undergone plastic surgery in the West. Japanese men aren't usually into such treatment.
Actually, today's the second time he's gotten a nosebleed because of Shun!
STOP THAT!
WHERE ARE YOU FROM!?
act as bodyguards for Amabe Taiki, a famous medical Professor
during his awards ceremony
I SHOULD HAVE DONE IT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
I WANT TO READ AMABE-SAN'S MIND. HE'S THE KEY PLAYER
Today's job is to...
LET'S WAIT UNTIL HE TAKES THE STAND
HMM... WE CAN'T GET CLOSE NOW

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She came to ask for our assistance around lunch time.
Our client is Takai Ayumi-san, Professor Amano's secretary.
DESPITE THE SHORT NOTICE YOU ACCEPTED I'M VERY GRATEFUL
TO BE HONEST, THIS RECEPTION WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HELD LAST YEAR, BUT
WE RECEIVED SOME SORT OF THREAT FROM SOMEONE AS WE EXPECTED
"SORT OF?"
ONLY THE PROFESSOR KNOWS THE CONTENTS OF THAT CALL
HE DIDN'T TELL US MUCH
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO HE IS...
BUT HE WANTS ME TO CANCEL THE RECEPTION.
HAVE YOU CALLED THE POLICE?
THAT'S UNNECESSARY!
IN ANY CASE, THE RECEPTION WILL BE CANCELLED!
AND THEN A MONTH AGO, WHEN WE DECIDED TO HAVE THE RECEPTION,
THERE WAS ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS CALL!

WH WHAT?
ANOTHER REQUEST LIKE THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE!
From his reaction I figured it had to do with another threat
SHALL WE SUSPEND EVERYTHING AGAIN?
IMPOSSIBLE! THE ORGANIZATIONS WON'T ACCEPT THAT...!
PROFESSOR, IT'D BE BEST IF YOU HAD SOME BODYGUARDS
You can't mention this to anyone!
I'M TELLING YOU THERE'S NO NEED!
LIM, PERHAPS THE PROFESSOR DOESN'T WANT TO INVOLVE THE POLICE?
NO PROBABLY NOT
BUT I'M SO WORRIED AND I WAS THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO HIRE PEOPLE WITHOUT THE PROFESSOR'S CONSENT
NO
NO ONE...
DO YOU, AYUMI-CHAN, HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND THAT COULD BE BLACKMAILING HIM?
AYUMI-SAN
IN ORDER FOR ME TO GUARANTEE SUCCESS, I'LL NEED YOUR COMPLETE COOPERATION
To know that
I'm hiding something
What a mess! How did she do it?

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A WHILE BACK THE PROFESSOR WAS ACCUSED OF MAKING A MEDICAL ERROR
BY A PATIENT'S FATHER HE CONSIDERS HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF HIS DAUGHTER...
TO BE HONEST THE PROFESSOR HADN'T MADE ANY MISTAKES AND
THE CASE WAS DROPPED DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE...
THAT'S ALL I KNOW...
SORRY,
THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS MAN LOST HIS DAUGHTER,
AND HE COULD STILL BE HOLDING A GRUDGE...
THIS HERE IS NAKAKUWA-SAN, THE MAN I WAS TALKING ABOUT...
IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT HE'S THE ONE MAKING THOSE CALLS
IF YOU WERE TO SEE HIM IN THE HOTEL GO INTO EMERGENCY MODE IMMEDIATELY!
Ok!
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ALRIGHT LET'S MOVE OUT!
I HOPE YOU ROT IN HELL!

New Imperial
Things being what they were,
HOW OLD IS THIS CHAMPAGNE?
It's dream time.
It seems that we already have a vague idea of who the culprit is, but...
MEAT
At least I'm being serious about the job.
I have a feeling that they're a bit too relaxed.
AHHH.

You drink, sir.
YOU'RE ONLY DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
SHE JUST WANTS TO DRINK
SINCE WE'RE POSING AS GUESTS IT'D BE STRANGE IF WE'RE JUST STANDING AROUND WITH OUR HANDS EMPTY WOULDN'T IT?

Hmm?
I JUST NEED TO CONTROL MYSELF AND KEEP TRACK OF WHAT I'M DRINKING!
SAHO, WHAT'RE YOU DRINKING?
We're on the job, you know.

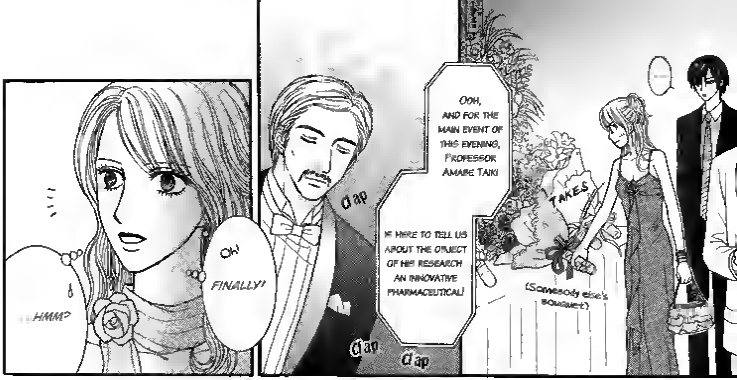
ALL THIS READING IS TIRING
But,
It makes me a little nervous
that I'm the only one concentrated in reading minds
WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK?

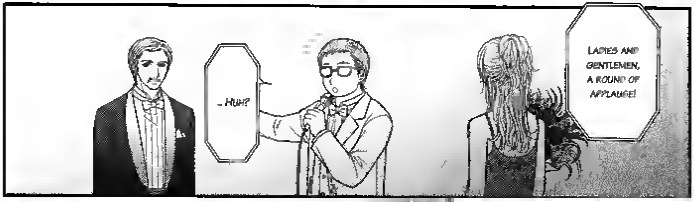
EH, REALLY?!
YOUTA, YOU CAN GRAB WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE
Yes.
IF OUR BOSS IS DOING IT, WHY DON'T YOU?

LOOK HERE.
THE EFFECTS THAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM OUR PHARMACEUTICAL ARE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS BUT IT'S DELICIOUS!
I'LL DRINK A LITTLE
This is the first time I've tasted something like this...
Gulp

NICE JOB!!!
WHACK
?!
?
Wobble
WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING?
BEER
WATER.
I HAVE TO ADMIRE YOU EVEN IF IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF WORK...
YOU'RE SERIOUS
...ARE...
YOU DRUNK...?
I'M NOT DRUNK!
EVEN IF YOU'RE ALL DISTRACTED, I PLAN TO STAY FOCUSED!
"STAY FOCUSED..." IS THAT AN ANALOGY?
I'M GONNA READ PROFESSOR AMABE'S MIND I'M GONNA DO IT!
HUH?
UH... SHE'S COMPLETELY DRUNK...
FIRSTLY, IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU STRUCK UP A CONVERSATION WITH ME WITHOUT A COMPELLING REASON


Clap
Clap
Clap
Ooh, and for the main event of this evening, Professor Amabe Taiki is here to tell us about the object of his research an innovative pharmaceutical!
TAKES
(Somebody else's bouquet?)
Oh! FINALLY!
HMM?


Ladies and gentlemen, a round of applause!
...Huh?

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The professor will now receive a bouquet of flowers!
Ah, whatever.
For Professor Amabe!
Was it stated that he'd receive a bouquet?

I WISH YOU SUCCESS
THANK YOU
OK NOW!
WAS SHE SUPPOSED TO APPROACH HIM?
NO, SHE WASN'T
FLASH
WHAT
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?! IT'S ALL CHEMICAL EQUATIONS! I DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING!
He's unreadable!
NO, THIS IS ONLY THE TOP LAYER OF HIS MIND...
I NEED TO REACH INTO THE DEEPEST LAYERS OF HIS MIND ^.^!

Your daughter has died
I'm tired
If you tell the police
I can't
At least
I'll kill her
read anything else
Your daughter
I can't
From a toxic substance...
The composition
If you refuse
Must create
in your lab.
And now, Professor Amaire will finally...
He was given a bouquet of flowers!
That's a very serious threat
"If you don't create a harmful substance I'll kill your daughter"
I think... the threat sounded more or less like this,
We need to assign a bodyguard to his daughter!
OK, how'd it go?
Well... we're in trouble.

THE DAUGHTER, HER NAME'S MIZUKI AND SHE'S 17, RIGHT?
ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION OBTAINED ABOUT TAKEI-SHAN, SHE AND HER MOM HAVE LIVED IN A VILLA ON THE OUTSKIRTS FOR A MONTH,
AND ARE KEPT UNDER STRICT SURVEILLANCE BY SOME BODYGUARDS
They can't even take a stroll outside.
KATAISHI, CAN I PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF THAT?
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Ah.
I'M ON IT!
KUBO YOU DRIVE!
OK.
Hermit!
WERE YOU ABLE TO READ ANYTHING ELSE?
NAKAKUWA THREATENED HIM IN THIS MANNER...?
NO.
HOWEVER, HIS WISH TO PROTECT HIS DAUGHTER IS VERY STRONG...

AND THEN I WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT HE FELT SO TIRED
HE SEEMS SOMEWHAT RESIGNED ABOUT THE ISSUE
Hmm
MAYBE WE'RE IN TROUBLE.
HE MIGHT'VE ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE THREAT!
BAM
WH-WHAT IS THIS?!
CALL SECURITY! QUICKLY!
?
.....
EHH?!
S-SORRY!
HEY, YOU'RE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE!
THIS...
AH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! EXCUSE ME!
PUT DOWN YOUR DRINKS!

THERE'S A CHANCE THAT SOMETHING WAS PUT IN THE BEVERAGES!!!
EHH?!
WHA... T...?!
HUH...? WHAT'S THIS...?
HOW?!
We have put something in the drinks that are being served at the reception. It kills after about two hours. Only Professor Amabe has the antidote.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY JUST FOUND THIS IN THE KITCHEN...!
GIVE ME THAT!
HUH?
AND YOU ARE...?
SORRY PROFESSOR!
SHE'S THE BODYGUARD I HIRED!

Only one who didn't drink any
DRANK SOME.
... I ALSO...
Eh, no
CA-CALM DOWN
HOW CAN I BE CALM?!
Ah, please don't go!
they know are shinkai scientist
HA-HA!
RIDICULOUS!
NOISY
NOISY
I can't say
AH.
THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE ARE TOO TRIVIAL IT LOOKS LIKE A JOKE!
IT MAY JUST BE SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO CHALLENGE YOU!
NOISY
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HE HAS NO ONE IN MIND REGARDING THIS.
PROFESSOR AMABE IS TRULY SURPRISED
Y-Yes
AH
HERE YOU GO, PROFESSOR.
WE WILL ANALYZE THE CONTENTS IMMEDIATELY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN TRY TO KEEP CALM!
WE HAVE A MEDICAL PROFESSOR HERE!
AND THERE S A HOSPITAL NEARBY

Maybe they're still nearby!
BUT...
SHE, SHE'S RIGHT.
In any case, it's no better to call an ambulance.
PLEASE BE PATIENT AND WAIT A BIT IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION.
BUT WHO WAS IT?
EVERY-THING'S FINE, REALLY!
ALTHOUGH AN HOUR HAS ALREADY PASSED, ALL OF YOU LOOK PERFECTLY FINE
IF THE BOSS IS SAYING THAT IT MEANS EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL RIGHT?!
That's ours, it
WELL... I'M GOING TO THE KITCHEN NOW TO READ MINDS!
THAT WAS A BLUFF TO KEEP PEOPLE CALM. GET MOVING!
I'LL GO CHECK THE SECURITY CAMERAS!
We have put something in the drinks that are being served at the reception. It kills after about two hours. Only Professor Amabe has the antidote.
AH...

Excuse me
Uh... Shu- I mean Otokawa
Otokawa?
It seems to me that she might be a little drunk
Wouldn't it be best she rested a bit?
With only one drink? So she really can't hold her liquor
What a mess! Though I do have some sentiments
Anyway, when she drinks it becomes dangerous because she can't control herself, but
If it's as you say, then the right amount of alcohol can amplify her abilities making her more useful!
Re... really...? How complicated...
Yes perhaps it was the right amount
But she's also drunk with the poison so quickly!
Thank you for your concern
Yes, you're welcome
The kitchen only has these two cameras
Please rewind the tape
Whirrr...

TRY TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TODAY!
SIR, YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO SEE ANYONE STRANGE HERE TODAY, DID YOU?!
06-02 Kitchen
Excuse us
She's over out of it soon
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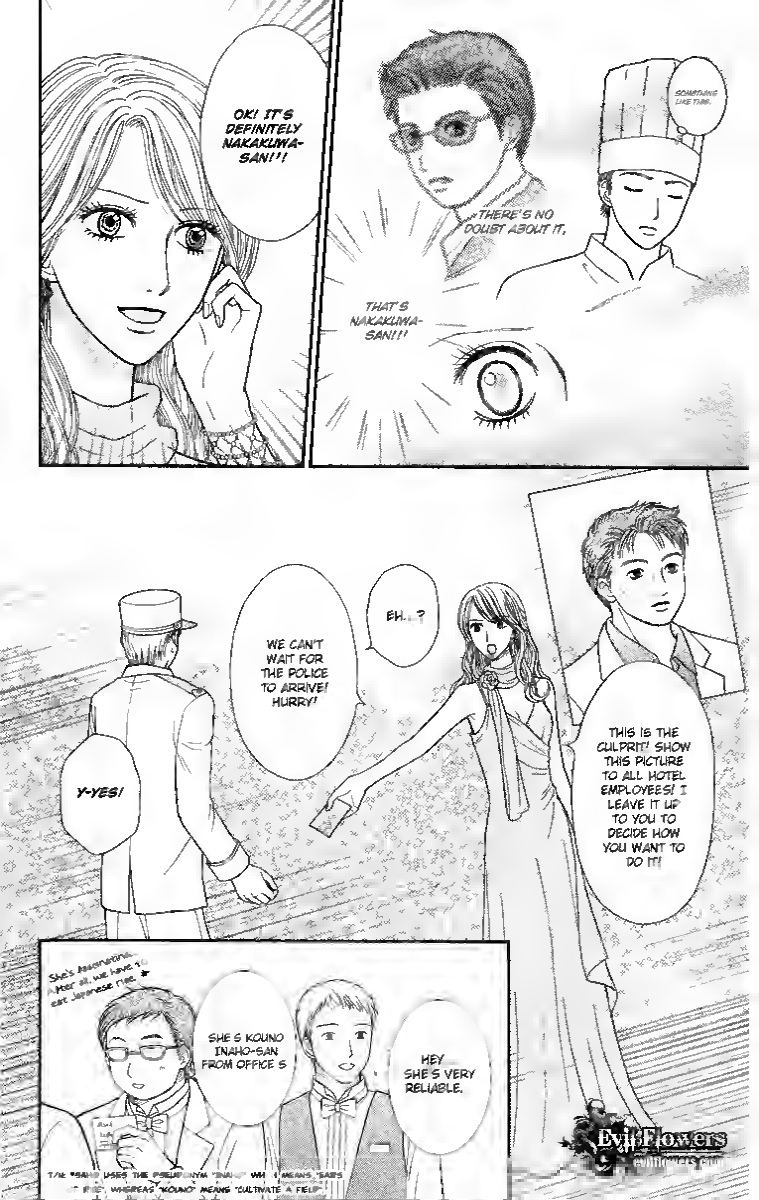
Otoki TAMAKO*
WE ARE PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS
Here's our business card
ARE THE POLICE HERE?
ARE THEY... SUSPICIOUS OF US?
THEY'RE SO YOUNG!
*INVESTIGATORS OFTEN USE FAKE NAMES WHEN WORKING
AH... YES, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT!
He looked like a regular client.
YOU... YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE WALKING ALONG THE EMPLOYEE CORRIDOR, HAVE YOU?
HUH?
Ooh
You stuffy in bed you know that?!!
RAGE
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER?!
HUH?! IT'S TRUE I JUST REMEMBERED!
Hey, you're like Mrs. Hosoki**
*TYN THIS REFERS T. HOSOKI KAZUKO, A JAPANESE ASTROLOGER THAT HAS GAINED LOTS OF FAME RECENTLY. SHE COMES OUT IN A VARIETY SHOW AND ALWAYS SAYS: "I'LL BURN IN HELL!"

AND HIS FACE? DO YOU REMEMBER IT?
HIS FACE... YES...
Let's see.
SO I TOOK HIM TO THE DOOR THAT LEADS BACK INTO THE HOTEL
HE SAID HE WAS LOST.
I'm sorry I got lost.
This Mens is Off-limits.
Ooh,
IT WAS A THOUGHT LEFT BEHIND IN HIS MIND; HE HAD FORGOTTEN...
Can it be an aspect of the incident ?
UM... IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY
AH! WHO'S HE?
HE'S NOT AN EMPLOYEE COULD HE BE A CLIENT?
REWIND THE TAPE ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE
CAN YOU ZOOM IN?
I'M ON IT.
HE LOOKS LIKE...
NAKAKUBO!


OK! IT'S DEFINITELY NAKAKUWA-SAN!!!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
THAT'S NAKAKUWA-SAN!!!
EH..?
WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE POLICE TO ARRIVE! HURRY!
Y-YES!
THIS IS THE CULPRIT! SHOW THIS PICTURE TO ALL HOTEL EMPLOYEES! I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU TO DECIDE HOW YOU WANT TO DO IT!
She's fascinating. After all, we have to eat Japanese rice.
SHE'S KOUNO INAHO-SAN FROM OFFICE 5
HEY. SHE'S VERY RELIABLE.
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CHATTER
OH, NO!
THIS LADY SAYS SHE'S FEELING SICK...
IS EVERYTHING OK?!
!
SOMEONE, HELP US!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
RUSH

SHURI!
EXCU...
Wait
MY STOMACH...

THE AMBU-LANCE?!
IT'S HERE!
A siren sho!
IT'S BEEN 20 MINUTES SINCE WE CALLED! THE POLICE STILL AREN'T HERE!
AND PROFESSOR AMABE'S ANALYSIS?!
Is it done?!

Eh ?
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?!
MY STOMACH... FEELS A BIT STRANGE
Can't we stop for a minute?
I'LL JOIN YOU SOON.
NO... IF WE JUST STOP FOR A MOMENT...
Perhaps.
GO REST FOR A BIT !
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?
IT SEEMS THEY'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING!
THERE'S A MAN THAT LOOKS LIKE HIM IN THE BAR ON THE 34TH FLOOR!
OKAY... LET'S GO.
ARE YOU OK?
YES AND NO

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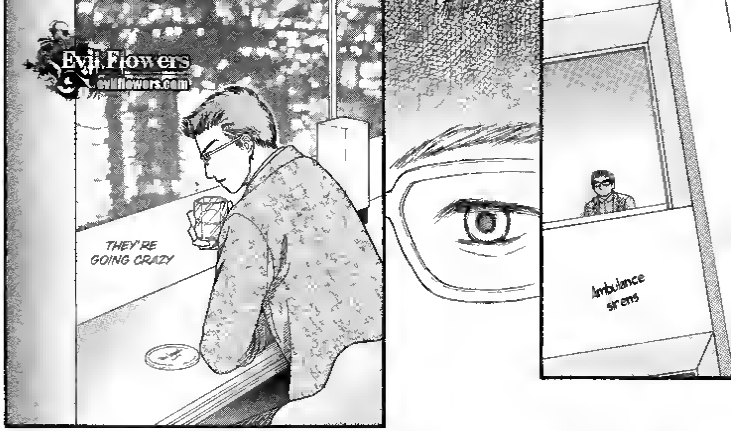

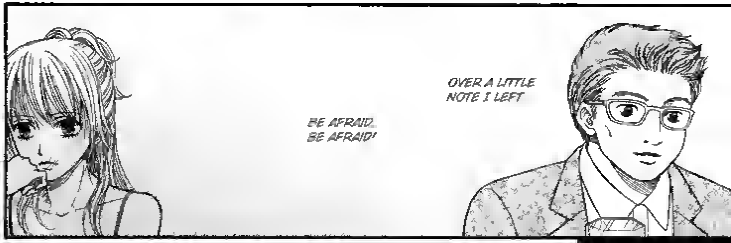

BOY
OK
TAMAKO, PAY THE BILL.
YOU'RE DRUNK!
LET'S GO BACK TO THE ROOM
Damn you.
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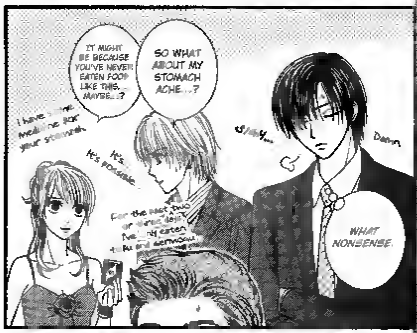
COME ON!! WE'RE MONTA AND RIKI FROM BLOCK 2! ♡
WHO ARE YOU?!
RIIIING...
YES!
AH, OK!
HOW STRANGE.
ARE YOU THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NOTE NAKAKUWA?
HOW STRANGE!
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IT WAS ME!
WHAT KIND OF DRUG DID YOU PUT IN THE DRINKS?

.....
I'M AFRAID IT WAS ALL A BLUFF.

PROFESSOR AMAMI HAS JUST FINISHED ANALYZING THE DRINKS
HE SAYS THAT THERE'S NOTHING TOXIC IN THEM!
I'll let the people know!
Relieved


SO WHAT ABOUT MY STOMACH ACHE...?
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER EATEN FOOD LIKE THIS, MAYBE...?
I have the medicine for your stomach.
It's, it's POISON!
Darn
WHAT NONSENSE

ABOUT THAT...
BY SPOILING THE PARTY I JUST WANTED THAT PRESUMPTUOUS DOCTOR
TO GET A BAD REPUTATION

LUCKILY, THIS CASE WAS SOLVED WITH LITTLE TROUPLE
AS FOR THE OTHER GUESTS THEY PROBABLY FELT ILL DUE TO THE IMPACT!

I THINK THE POLICE ARE FINALLY HERE.
NOW THE PARTY CAN CONTINUE, RIGHT?
Or are they thinking of cancelling?
WHAT PARTY...
BECAUSE... IT'S SAID THAT...
HE'S NOT A VULGAR MURDERER!
MY DAUGHTER... DIED.
USING A NEW DRUG THAT HASN'T BEEN APPROVED...
HE USED MY DAUGHTER AS A GUINEA PIG!
Daddy!
SHE HAD JUST TURNED THREE...
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

IF SHE MANAGED TO SURVIVE FOR THREE YEARS IT WAS PRECISELY BECAUSE THE PROFESSOR TRIED EVERYTHING HE COULD!
IT WASN'T ABOUT AN UNKNOWN DRUG... IT WAS THE CORRECT MEDICAL PROCEDURE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
IN ANY CASE, YOUR DAUGHTER COULDN'T BE SAVED WITH THE MEDICINES AVAILABLE TO US NOW!
HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF EVERYTHING BEFOREHAND!
AND A DAUGHTER... THEY'RE A HAPPY FAMILY.
I HATED HIM.
BECAUSE I COULDN'T LIVE ON WITHOUT HATING HIM.
Drip
YOUR ACTIONS STEM FROM AN UNFOUNDED HATRED!
... IN REALITY,
I, MYSELF, AM AWARE OF THAT.
BUT THAT DOCTOR HAS HIS SOCIAL STATUS AND REPUTATION.

I CAN'T TAKE THE TISSUES
HOW?
N-NO... YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND
MY HANDS ARE TIED
WHAT IS THIS GIRL SAYING?
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL
I DO
UNDERSTAND
HIS EMOTIONS ARE FLOWING INSIDE ME
I ALSO
CAUGHT THE FEELINGS OF TAKEI-SAN
FOR PROFESSOR AMABE
SORRY...
I UNDERSTAND BUT...
WHAT HE DID WAS UNACCEPTABLE!
A MONTH AGO... YOU CONTACTED PROFESSOR AMABE AND THREATENED HIM BY S. YING, "IF YOU DON'T CREATE A TOXIC SUBSTANCE I'LL KILL YOUR DAUGHTER!" RIGHT?

I ONLY MADE ONE THREATENING CALL ABOUT A YEAR AGO
HUH?
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT THREAT
TELLING HIM TO CANCEL THE RECEPTION IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO PUT HIS DAUGHTER IN DANGER IS THAT RIGHT?
YEAH
YES. WE JUST ARRIVED A LITTLE WHILE AGO
HE'S NOT LYING
TAMIKO ?
INAHO
RIIING...
HELLO? AH, KATAISHI! YOU'VE REACHED THE VILLA?
IT SEEMS THAT BOTH PEOPLE HAVE SLIPPED AWAY!
THE BODY-GUARDS ARE IN A PANIC!

New Imperial
I AM TRULY SORRY FOR TONIGHT'S TURN OF EVENTS BUT...
LUCKILY EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND
I WILL BE PRESENTING THE RESULTS OF MY RESEARCH SHORTLY
They es...aped...?!
THEY ESCAPED?!
BUT... HOW..?!
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SORRY...
MY DAD MUST BE CRAZY.
WHAT WERE THE BODYGUARDS DOING?!
THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM, AREN'T THERE?
BAM

HOW COULD HE EVEN THINK OF KEEPING US LOCKED UP FOR A MONTH?!
AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION, I'LL LET YOU MEET MY DAD TODAY.
BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE RECEPTION
It won't be long now right?
I THINK HE'LL BE SURPRISED
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I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE REALLY SMART
FIND MY DAUGHTER. PLEASE!
AT LEAST MY DAUGHTER. I BEG OF YOU...
IF NOT, FOR WHAT REASON HAVE I COME THIS FAR...?!

A YEAR AGO AND THEN A MONTH AGO
TWICE, HE WAS THREATENED OVER THE PHONE.
AND THEN THE THREAT ON SHE WITH THAT CARD...
PROFESSOR AMABE...?
THEN FORCING HIM TO CREATE HARMFUL SUBSTANCES THAT...
HE'S OK NOW! THAT'S THE STOMACH MEDICINE.
"TOXIC SUBSTANCES"...
MAKES SENSE. AND BOTH THREATS SPOKE OF "DAUGHTER".
MAYBE WE'RE DECEIVED BECAUSE THEY BOTH REFERRED TO THE "DAUGHTER".
IT'S NECESSARY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PERSON MAKING THE THREATS ISN'T WORKING ALONE.
FLASH
HMM. IN THAT CASE SHOULD I READ PROFESSOR AMABE'S MIND AGAIN?
AH... HUH? YOU THINK HE'S STILL IN THE ROOM...?

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We are telling the guests on the 15th floor...
that the meeting room on the 15th floor has just erupted into flames.
Guests located below the 15th floor are asked to please leave the building
Guests located above the 15th floor are asked to please take refuge on the higher floors.
Hurr...
Static
...fl...
...re...?!
CHICK
Crimson Arisha ran into the fire!
NIJIHARA!!!
CALM DOWN!
IT'S ONLY A SMALL FIRE.
We are asking all occupants of the building

SO EVERYONE PRESENT
AH...
PASS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ANARI STAFF
TO MOVE ON TO THE SHELTER
IS ASKED TO COMPLY.
"ANARI"?
PROFESSOR AMABE?
SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATION:
ANARI
SOMETIMES THE TERRORISTS WHO PROVOKE UPROAR IN SOCIETY
TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW
CAN IT BE
THAT THE THREAT TO PROFESSOR AMABE...

NIJIHARA, IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
WE'RE ALL OK
STAY VERY ALERT
ROGER.
THIS
SIREN
COULD BE THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT I'VE ENCOUNTERED
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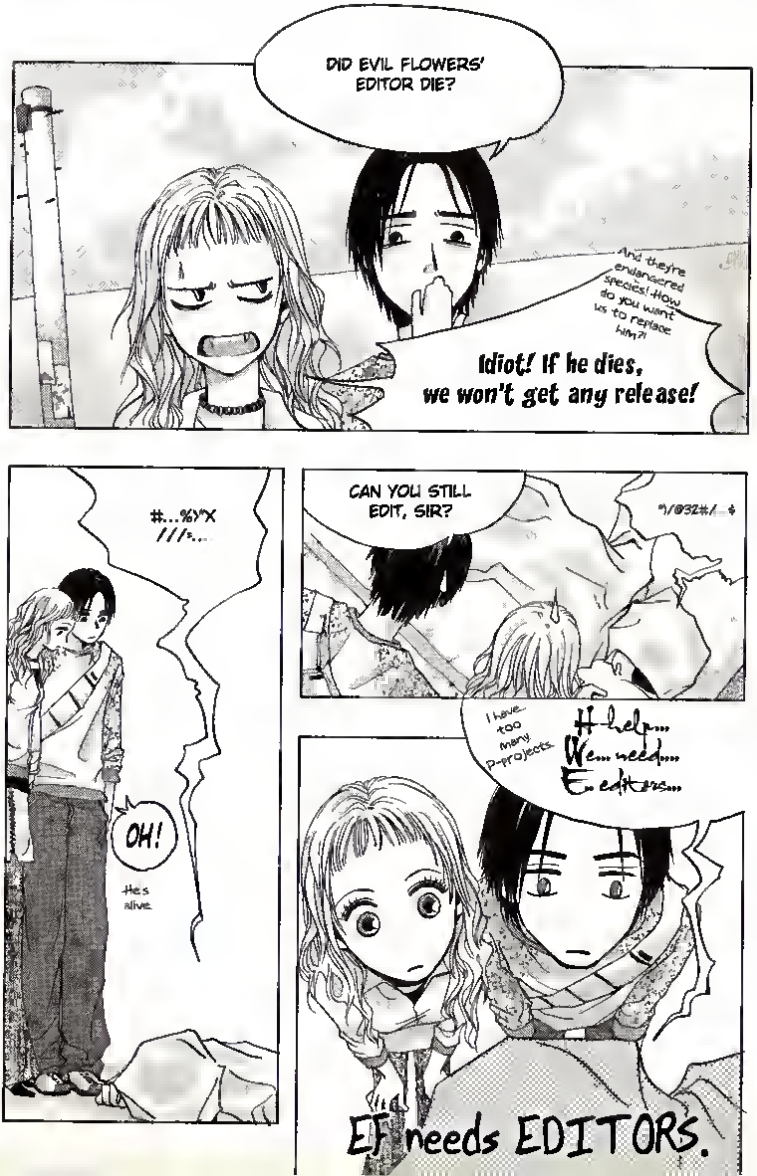
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And they're endangered species! How do you want us to replace him?!
Idiot! If he dies, we won't get any release!
#...%)*X ///...
OH!
He's alive
CAN YOU STILL EDIT, SIR?
*!/@3Z#!...
I have too many projects.
H-help... We...need... E-editors...
EF needs EDITORS.

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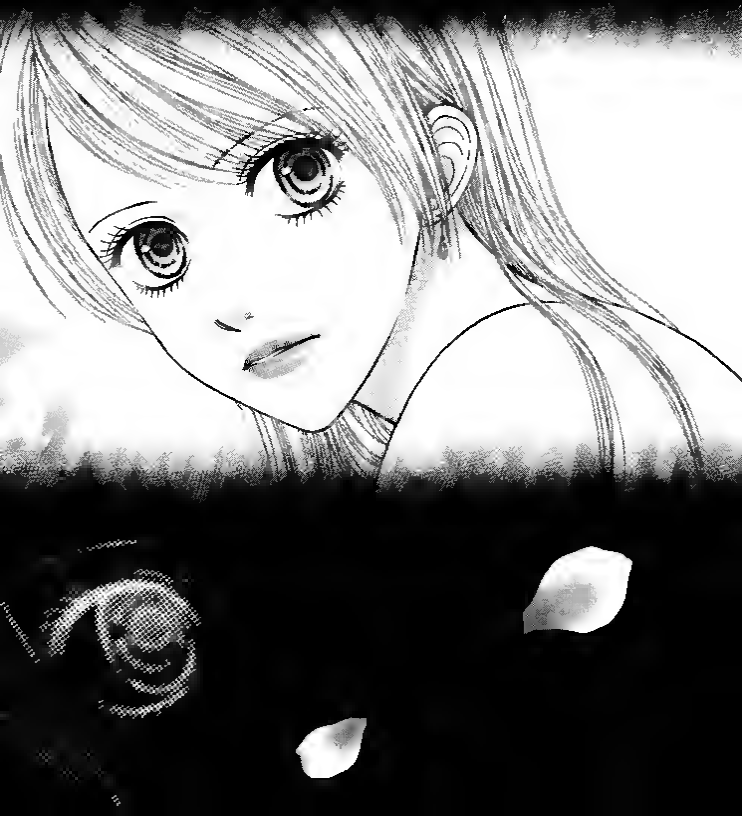
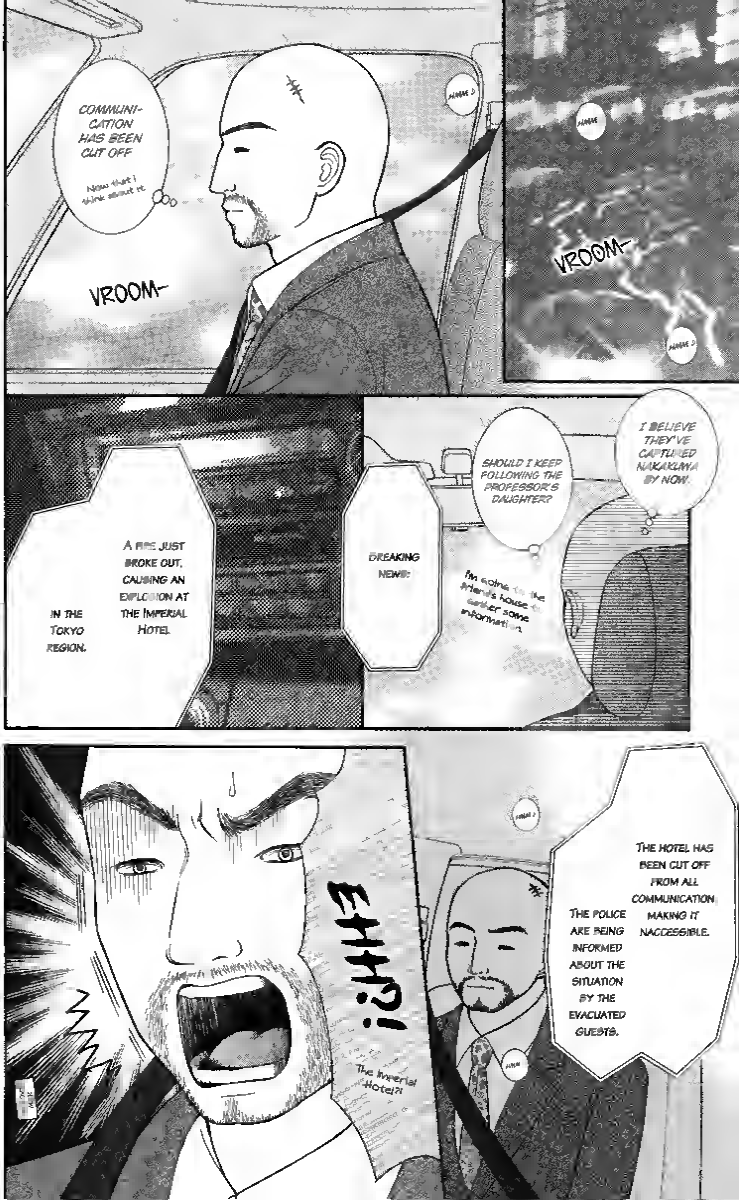
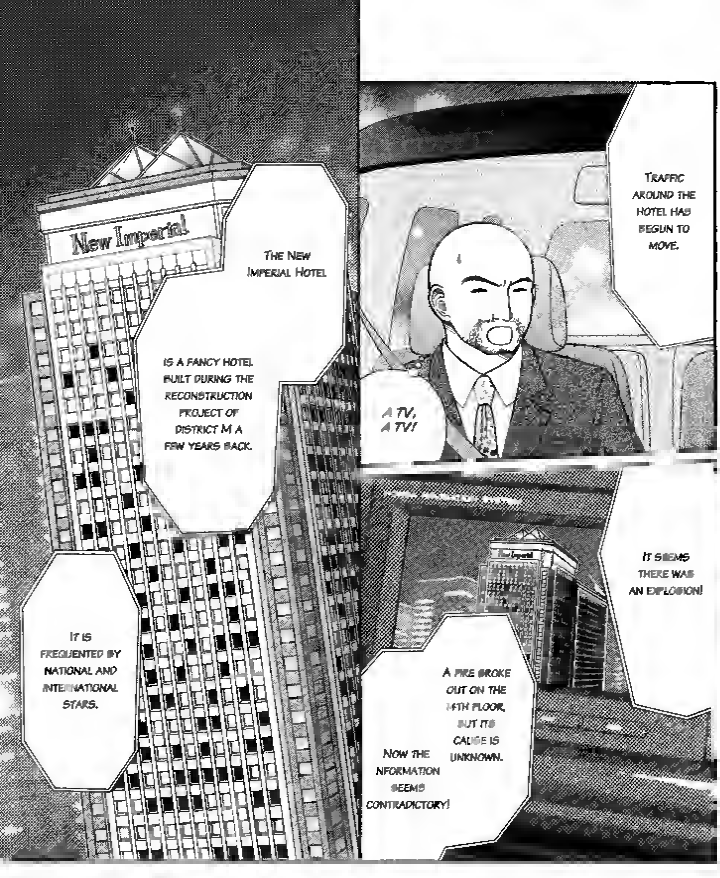



COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN CUT OFF
Now that I think about it,
VROOM-
HMM...
VROOM-
I BELIEVE THEY'VE CAPTURED NAKAKUMA BY NOW.
SHOULD I KEEP FOLLOWING THE PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER?
I'm going to the friend's house to gather some information.
BREAKING NEWS!
A FIRE JUST BROKE OUT, CAUSING AN EXPLOSION AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL
IN THE TOKYO REGION.
THE HOTEL HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM ALL COMMUNICATION, MAKING IT INACCESSIBLE.
THE POLICE ARE BEING INFORMED ABOUT THE SITUATION BY THE EVACUATED GUESTS.
HMM...
The Imperial Hotel?!
¡¿HHH?!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THE NEW IMPERIAL HOTEL
IS A FANCY HOTEL BUILT DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF DISTRICT M A FEW YEARS BACK.
IT IS FREQUENTED BY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STARS.
TRAFFIC AROUND THE HOTEL HAS BEGUN TO MOVE.
A TV, A TV!
IT SEEMS THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION!
A FIRE BROKE OUT ON THE 14TH FLOOR, BUT ITS CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.
NOW THE INFORMATION SEEMS CONTRADICTORY!

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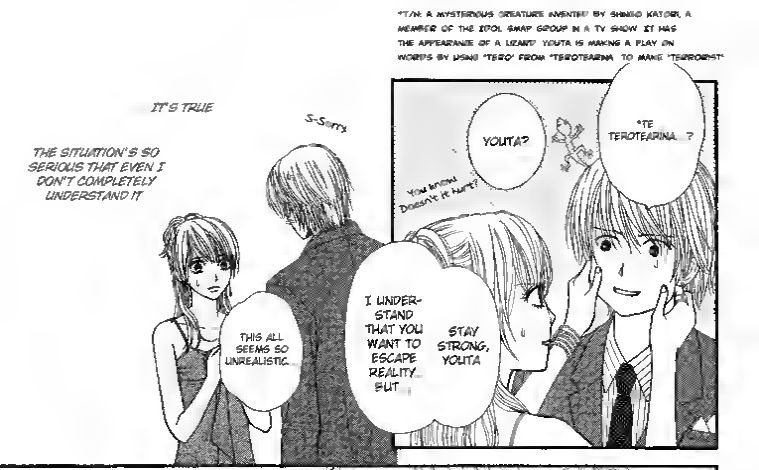
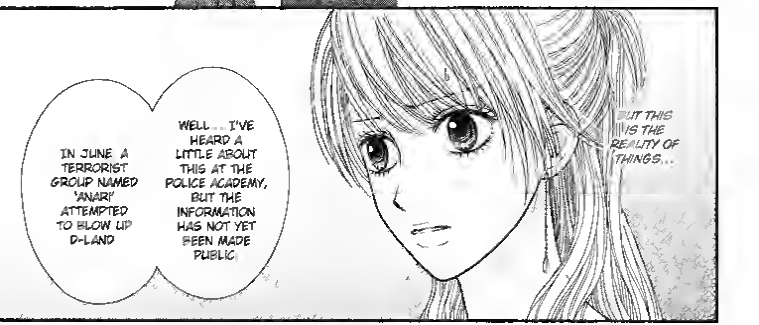
T... TERROR... ISTS ...?!
Stay quiet!
TO THE 19TH FLOOR!
FROM NOW ON, THIS PLACE
WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANARI.
YOU WILL HAVE TO OBEY THEM.
Waaaa!
YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?
SINCE THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE SPRINKLERS.
THE EXPLOSION NOT TOO LONG AGO WAS PROBABLY JUST A WARNING.
THEY'RE A JAPANESE EXTREMIST GROUP THAT HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE LATELY.
That's unbelievable!
I don't mind hair unbelievable at all, you know...
YINRIN...?
...Y-
SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
... NOT JOYJOY, THE *EROTIC TERRORIST.
*YIN: A TAIWANESE ACTRESS KNOWN IN JAPAN AS THE "EROTIC TERRORIST"

*T/N: A MYSTERIOUS CREATURE AMENTIBI BY SHINSO KATOBE, A MEMBER OF THE IDOL GROUP IN A TV SHOW. IT HAS THE APPEARANCE OF A LIZARD. YOUTA IS MAKING A PLAY ON WORDS BY USING "TERO" FROM "TEROTEARINA" TO MAKE "TERRORIST"


IT'S TRUE
S-Sorry
THE SITUATION'S SO SERIOUS THAT EVEN I DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND IT
THIS ALL SEEMS SO UNREALISTIC...
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO ESCAPE REALITY... BUT...
STAY STRONG, YOUTA
YOUTA?
You know... Doesn't it hurt?
*TE TEROTEARINA...?


IN JUNE A TERRORIST GROUP NAMED 'ANARI' ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP D-LAND
WELL... I'VE HEARD A LITTLE ABOUT THIS AT THE POLICE ACADEMY, BUT THE INFORMATION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC
BUT THIS IS THE REALITY OF THINGS...

They're more alert than I thought...
Yes
BECAUSE THE POLICE STOPPED THEM
Now
THEY DON'T SEEM VERY ORGANIZED, HUH?
Ahh
B-BUT...
THEY AIM TO HIT THE EMBLEMS OF CAPITALISM
THEN WE HAVE PLACES LIKE THIS HOTEL THAT SHOW WHERE THE MONEY GOES
BUT THEIR ATTACK ON D-LAND FAILED

LAY ON THE FLOOR WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF AND STAY ON THE GROUND!
IF ANYONE TRIES TO OPPOSE US, THEY WILL BE SHOT DOWN IMMEDIATELY!
Rises
NO WAY!
YOU! GET BACK ON THE GROUND!
Um
Um
WHAT A DAY FIRST IT WAS THAT SCARE WITH THE POISON,
OR CRAP
Um
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FREEZE!!
MY WIFE IS MAKING TURNIPS AT HOME
I WON'T
TAP
TAP
TAP
*BAM
TAP
TAP
NGGGHH...

kanzy
WHAT... WHAT IS THAT...?
A TV?
IT'S COMING FROM A CAMERA THAT WAS PLACED IN THE 19TH FLOOR'S LOBBY.
GWAAAHHH.
THEY'VE BEGUN SHOOTING...?
MAYBE THEY'RE DESPERATE BECAUSE THEY JUST "FAILED"
THEY'RE QUITE HEAVILY ARMED AND... THERE SEEMS TO BE MANY OF THEM.
ATTENTION, EVERYONE!
W...
WHERE'S SAHO?
AH, MAYBE SHE'S IN THE ROOM WITH PROFESSOR AMABE!

GET DOWN!
FROM FLOORS 14TH TO 23RD FLOORS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE RECEPTION HALLS. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
EVERYONE IN THE HOTEL
WE WILL CHECK THE ROOMS IN EVERY FLOOR.
LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND CELL PHONES!
THOSE WHO TRY TO ESCAPE OR HIDE IN ANY ROOM
WILL BE SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT.
WH... WHAT DO WE DO?!
WE HAVE TO LEAVE THE ROOM?
WE NEED TO WAIT FOR SAHO'S INSTRUCTIONS
AS FOR YOU, PROFESSOR AMABE, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE HIDING.
WWW.
EH?!
EH?! THEY'RE TALKING DIRECTLY TO THE PROFESSOR?
WHY?
WE WILL FIND YOU.
click
SLAM
AH!
PLEASE, COME IN.
SAHO!!
OH, HERE YOU ARE!
What a terrible situation!

BRING HIM ANYWHERE BETWEEN THE 14TH AND 23RD FLOOR IN 15 MINUTES!
I KNOW
THEY WERE CALLING FOR PROFESSOR AMABE...
15 MINUTES HUH...
THE SITUATION'S GETTING COMPLICATED, BUT...
DIRECTOR!
CHIEF!
THERE'RE A LOT OF POLICEMEN OUTSIDE.
AND THE *ATTACK TROOPS ARE THERE TOO.
*ATTACK: KEI'S TALKING ABOUT SAT, THE SPECIAL ASSAULT TEAM, A TROOP THAT SPECIALIZES IN COMBATING TERRORISM.
THERE'RE SUSPECTS IN THE WEST ENTRANCE!
WEEE-
WOOO-

HOW'D YOU FIND US?
... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THE NEGOTIATOR IS ON!
RING
FIND A MONITOR AND A PHONE!
LET'S VERIFY THE SITUATION IN THE HOTEL USING THE HOTEL'S LINES.
A TOXIC GAS EVEN MORE HARMFUL THAN VX.
WE ARE IN POSSESSION OF A HIGHLY TOXIC GAS CAPABLE OF KILLING EVERYONE IN THIS HOTEL.
ANARI HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE BUILDING.
SHUT UP!!
AHH.
WAAAH!
WE'VE PLACED A SPRAY DEVICE INSIDE THE BUILDING.

WE WANT A HELICOPTER TO TAKE US TO THE AIRPORT, FOUR MILLION DOLLARS, AND A FULLY FUELED JET WAITING FOR US IN TWO HOURS.
THEN SECURE AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR US, AND BE READY WHEN WE ARRIVE AT THE BOTTOM!
RELEASE OUR THREE COMRADES WHO WERE ARRESTED DURING "THE JUNE CASE"
THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR A WHILE
AT THIS RATE
I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ALL THAT READY IN TWO HOURS.
CAN'T YOU GIVE US AN ALTERNATIVE?
EHH?!
THERE'S THE MAN WHO WAS THREATENED TO CREATE THAT TOXIC GAS
TELL US EVERYTHING, PROFESSOR AMABE

SHURI,
CHECK IF HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
WE'LL FIND HER!
A COLLEAGUE OF MINE IS FOLLOWING HER.
IF I TELL YOU WILL YOU LOOK AFTER MY DAUGHTER?
A MONTH AGO...
SOME PEOPLE SHOWED UP AND INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AS ANARI THEY THREATENED TO KILL MY DAUGHTER IF I DIDN'T MAKE A TOXIC GAS FOR THEM.
I NEVER WANTED ANY OF THIS TO HAPPEN
NEVERTHELESS, I WAS READY TO PAY ALL THE MONEY I WAS ASKED FOR, BUT
I EVEN HAD TO DELIVER THE FORMULA AND PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL A RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
I modified the composition, but
PROFESSOR AMARE
Ugh...
I was thinking of moving out of the country with my family after my awards ceremony
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE USED SO SOON
NOT TODAY, ON THIS OCCASION.
WAS THE FORMULA YOU GAVE THE TERRORISTS ACCURATE...?

EH?!

I MODIFIED SOME COMPONENTS

NO

IT WAS AN EXPERIMENT.

BUT I MANAGED TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION SO THAT IT ONLY WORKS FOR A LIMITED TIME AFTER AN HOUR, THE GAS WILL BECOME HARMLESS

NICE WORK.

IT SEEMS HARD TO KILL OFF...

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE TOXIC GAS?!

I SAID "PROBABLY" BUT...

W... WHAT DO WE DO?!
AH! THE PATROLS ARE HERE?!
YES. THEY'RE EXAMINING EACH ROOM ONE BY ONE.
I FOCUSED THE CAMERA ON THE HALLWAY ACROSS FROM US.
IT'D BE SMART TO TRY IT OUT BEFORE USING IT.
IF SO, THEN THAT WOULD INCREASE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS, BUT...
BOSS!
HE'S WELL ARMED, HUH...
HE'S ALONE...?
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IT'S OPEN...?
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Uh.
EXCELLENT WORK.
Is everything alright?
He's not dead?
THUD
BAM
UGH!
Congratulations! With only one Kuroi-san.
I have more ammo now.
The sum will be deducted from your salary.
HEY!
HOW'RE THINGS ON THE 36TH AND 37TH FLOOR?
OKAY.
TAMAKO LET'S BEGIN THE INTERROGATION.
Over here.
...IT'S CLEAR
NOT EVEN A PERSON'S SHADOW ANYWHERE
ROGER.
STAY THERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE FLOORS.
NONE? GOOD.
Anari
A group of 28 people (Of ages
ranging from 19 to 36 years old
Boss's name "Shidou"
Equipment for the toxic gas to
Next to the elevators on floor
19 to 23
Did not deal with the mountin
YOUR BOSS'S NAME?
ABOUT 30.
HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE?
...ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE GAS.

THE GROUP IS COMPOSED OF 28 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 19 TO 36 AND THEIR BOSS' NAME IS "SHIDOU".
THEY WANT THE DISSOLUTION OF CAPITALISM. (THEY ALSO HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO INCREASE THE GROUP'S RECOGNITION.)
THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEBULIZER CORRESPONDS TO THE PROFESSOR'S DATA.
IT HAS A FUNCTIONING STOP WATCH AND A LONG DISTANCE DETONATION SYSTEM
How'd you manage to get so much information in such a short period of time ?
That's right. What kind of information did you carry out ?
THE DETONATION SYSTEM IS IN THE BOSS'S HANDS, AND THE STOP WATCH HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTIVATED
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IT SEEMS THAT THE DEVICE IS LOCATED IN THE HALLWAY THAT LEADS TO THE ELEVATOR GOING TO THE 18TH FLOOR. UNFORTUNATELY, I'M AFRAID THEY KNOW A LOT ABOUT US.
THEY DIDN'T DEAL WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE DEVICE DIRECTLY.
HERE ARE SEVERAL ELEVATORS IN DIFFERENT POSITIONS
YES... THE INFORMATION SEEMS TO BE VERY ACCURATE.
EX-
EXCUSE ME...
CAN YOU...
GIVE ME SOME WATER...?
Ok
KURO TAKE NOTES
PROFESSOR AMABE, CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN TO US HOW THE DEVICE WORKS?
In detail
Ah
YES

SHOULD I GIVE HIM SOME...?
He sounds like he's in pain.
DONG?
COUGH!
YES
GULP
GULP
It's too much!
CLATTER...
TAP
TAP
STOP RIGHT THERE!

THUD
WAAH!
BAM
SHOOT
GAH...
BAM
CRASH
WHY...?!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SHOOT HIM!
?!
HE TRIED TO ATTACK YOU!

.....
IF YOU HAD BEEN PAYING ATTENTION, WOULDN'T YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SENSE HIS KILLING INTENT?
!!
HE WAS PROBABLY PLANNING TO MAKE YOU BUMP AGAINST THE GLASS AND TAKE YOU HOSTAGE
DAMN IT...
YOUR ENEMY'S A CRIMINAL WHO TAKES PEOPLE HOSTAGE ND KILLS THEM INDISCRIMINATELY, YOU KNOW?
YOU CAN'T LET YOURSELF BE DISTRACTED FOR EVEN A SECOND!
Tap
HE NOTICED
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
.....!
I'M LISTENING.
MY KINDNESS AGAIN...

HEY...
YOU'RE BEING A BIT ROUGH.
Ah, well...
HIS PERSONALITY'S A BIT ROUGH BUT HE DID SAVE YOU!
IT'S TRUE BUT...
BUT SHE'S STILL A GIRL, SO..
IF YOU THINK I SHOULD BE LENIENT ON HER JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL
THEN SHE SHOULD CHANGE JOBS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
Quick.
THAT'S HARSH
*MR RAINBOW FIELD!
HARA
FIELD
...
*T/N: YOUTA NICKNAMED HIM MR RAINBOW FIELD BECAUSE NOMURA'S NAME MEANS RAINBOW (NOU) AND FIELD (HARA)

ARE YOU OK?
.....
SQUEEZE
OH ♥
Ugh, stop the blood!
Quick
THANKS FOR TELLING HER EVERYTHING I WOULD HAVE TOLD HER!
EH.
IT WAS NOTHING
ARE THEY DOING THE NEGOTIATIONS OUTSIDE?
Hmm
HE'S NOT EXACTLY THE BEST NEGOTIATOR...
R-REALLY?
YES
AS IT IS, YOU HAVE TOO MANY HOSTAGES TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE
WHAT DO YOU SAY? WHY NOT RELEASE THE CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY...?
I REFUSE.
BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT OUR DEMANDS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Oh, he hung up!
HE SHOULD TRY TO PUSH THE OTHER PARTY TO SPEAK AND ANALYZE THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE KIDNAPPER.
THIS PERSON CAN'T HIDE HIS ANXIETY TO GET BACK THE HOSTAGES
Even if you're working on it
THEREFORE THIS NEGOTIATION IS VERY IMPORTANT
SINCE THERE'RE HOSTAGES INVOLVED THE BLITZ AND SHOOTING ARE REALLY OUR LAST RESORT
WHEN THERE'RE HOSTAGES
THE ONE WHO WINS IS THE ONE WHO CAN GET INTO THE OTHER'S HEAD
I CAN
DO SOMETHING RIGHT?
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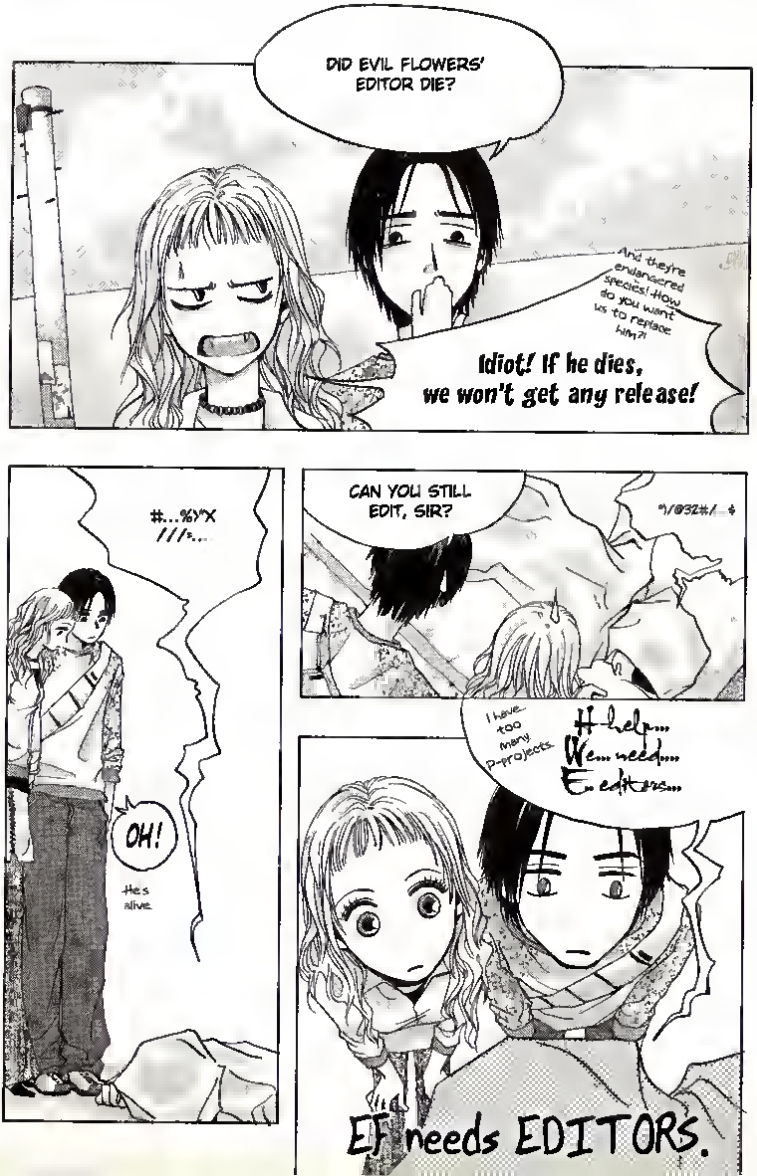
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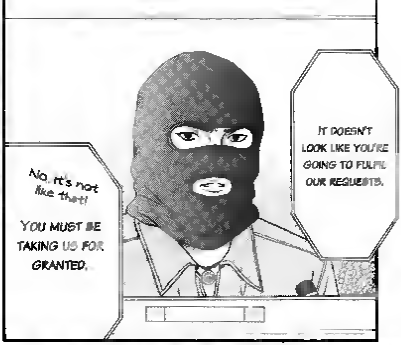
PUBLIC ACCESS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE IMPERIAL HOTEL.
IT'S BECAUSE APPROXIMATELY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE AND ONE OF THEM WAS WOUNDED BY A GUNSHOT. HIS CURRENT CONDITION REMAINS UNKNOWN.
UNDER SUCH PRESSING CONDITIONS
WHAT CAN I DO------?!
THE HOTEL HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN ARMED TERRORIST GROUP "ANAR."
THEY'RE THREATENING TO POISON THE HOSTAGES IN THE BUILDING WITH TOXIC GAS.
Surprised
NO...
THINGS HAVE BECOME CRITICAL AND DANGEROUS.
THIS IS TOO DIFFICULT.
AND SCARY TOO.
AH!
IT'S A PIECE OF STONE!

DIRECTOR, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES, SO FAR SO GOOD. LUCKILY, THEY HAVEN'T DISCOVERED THAT WE'RE HERE YET
ARE YOU JUST OUTSIDE THE HOTEL?
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LOCATE THE POLICE CHIEF AND GET HIM ON THE LINE?
AKI
RIGHT AWAY. I'LL GO GET THE POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE.
HELLO, YOU MUST BE YAKI-SAN? I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU FOR A WHILE.
AND YOU ARE... KOUNO-SAN?
I can't believe you're staying in Imperial Hotel now!

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT A PARTISAN OF THE ANARI.
STOP JOKING.
THE TOXIC GAS ANARI W... IS THREATENING TO POISON THE HOSTAGES WITH... I'M QUITE CONVINCED THAT IT'S A FAKE.
REALLY?!
I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE YET BUT I'M WORKING TO CONFIRM MY THEORY.
KOUNO-SAN I'M SO SORRY THINGS HAVE TAKEN SUCH A BAD TURN.
BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING ON OUR SIDE...
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE ANYWAY.
WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO HELP THE POLICE BUT...
THANK YOU FOR THE TROUBLE.
HOWEVER, PLEASE DO NOT DO ANYTHING BEFORE MY ORDERS ARE GIVEN
WELL, I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT IMPERIAL HOTEL...
WAS NEVER ON ANARI'S TARGET LIST
IT IS CLEAR TO ME AS WELL. THAT THERE ARE SOME LOOP HOLES IN YOUR INVESTIGATION
SO, I'M JUST GIVING YOU A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO NOT MAKE ANY FOOLISH DECISIONS OR ORDERS.
HOW DID SHE KNOW ABOUT ANARI'S TARGET LIST? IT'S CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.
CHK

I SEE SHE HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT! ALWAYS DOING EVERYTHING OFF HER OWN BAT...
SHE WAS A FRONT LINE INVESTIGATOR WHEN SHE WAS STILL IN THE POLICE FORCE
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT
BUT WHO KNOWS...

WE HAVE A NEW INCOMING MESSAGE
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
THE NEGOTIATION HAS RESUMED!!



I KNOW YOU'RE STILL IN THE HOTEL HIDING IN A SAFE CORNER.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL BE DISCOVERED. BUT THE PROBLEM NOW IS...

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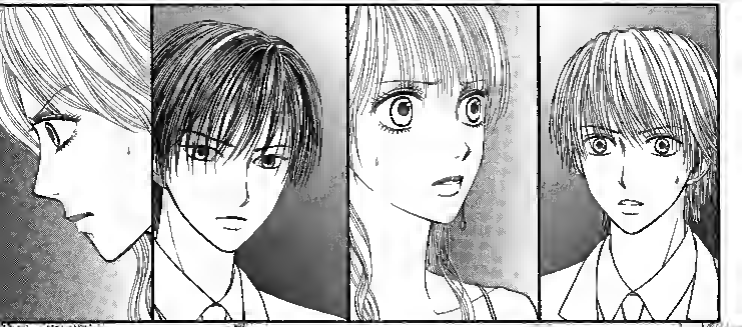
How about we first try it out on your assistant?
Profes-sor Amabe!!
They found out about it!
Where's the research institute they're working at?
District T-----
Everyone, move out to District T, now!
We are not idiots you know.
All we needed to do was to add a few tweaks to your original formula. Now then, would you like to witness its potency?
Someone please help me!
TAP
TAP
Click
PSSSSST

We do not fear death.
If you must know the oxicity of the gas in this hotel will be 10 times more potent than it was in the research institute!
What we fear are the teachings of capitalism.
Therefore, it's our calling to take over the world and eradicate all capitalists!
Click
There, I've just activated the timer for the gas bomb.

In an hour, everyone in this building will be poisoned to death!
Waaaaa!
Kyaaaaa!
Noo!
But if our requests are met without any delay, I'll gladly stop the timer.
Until then, we shall await your decision.



Professor Amabe, are you still watching?
Just so you know, your daughter is in the hotel too.
That's your punishment for messing with us!

SLUMP
PROFESSOR!
ARGH-
WHOAAAAAAAAA!
WHY?
WHY WOULD THEY DO SUCH HORRENDOUS THINGS----?!
IT'S OVER. WE DON'T HAVE A COUNTER PLAN
THIS IS THE WORST CASE SCENARIO
YAKI-SAN, HOW ARE THINGS OVER THERE?!
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO COME UP WITH A PLAN
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO FULFILLING ANAN'S REQUESTS NOW INSTEAD OF WASTING MORE PRECIOUS TIME!
BUT DO YOU THINK GIVING IN TO THE TERRORISTS IS A GOOD IDEA?
IT'S JUST GOING TO BE AN ACT! HAVE THEM ARRESTED BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO FLEE
What the-
IT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!

SA...
SAHO-SAN...
I'M GOING TO POSE AS A HOSTAGE AND INFILTRATE THE 20TH TO 24TH FLOOR.
HUH?!
SHURI-RIN...
YOU'RE ENDANGERING YOUR LIFE BY DOING THAT!
PLEASE DON'T!
IF I CAN SUCCESSFULLY INFILTRATE THEIR BASE, I'D BE ABLE TO READ THEIR MINDS AND ANALYZE HOW THEY THINK
SINCE THIS IS WELL WITHIN MY ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES...
I SHOULD TAKE THIS CALCULATED RISK
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN MANAGE?
GETTING CLOSE TO ANARI AND NOT HAVING YOUR IDENTITY EXPOSED?
YOUR OBJECTIVE IS TO LOCATE THE GAS BOMB, SEIZE THE ACTIVATOR FROM THEIR LEADER IF POSSIBLE...
AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PROFESSOR AMABE'S DAUGHTER-
That's all.
I UNDERSTAND, I'LL TRY...
My very best.
...

Don't make any move yet?" Do you realise the timer has been activated?!
I'll say it again don't act rashly!
We are currently still waiting for instructions from above.
Click
Aaaah!
Stop! Don't make any move yet!
Yaki-san, anything else?
This stupid bureaucratic system...
It's one of the main reasons I quit the police force!
Shuri...
You are very courageous
But don't worry, I'll have your back
No, as the director, you should remain here.
I'll be Shuri's back-up partner.
I guess you have a point...

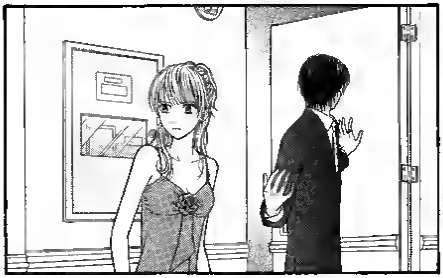
AS A NEWBIE, YOU'LL ONLY BE IN OUR WAY
SO, STAY PUT
I'M COMING ALONG TOO!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
KUBO, I'LL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE HERE

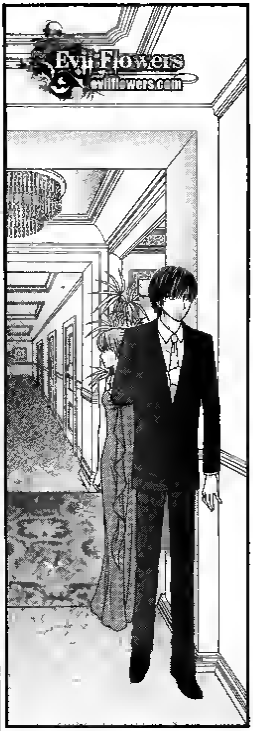
SHURI-PIN

ALRIGHT THEN, AS USUAL
AVOID ANY KILLINGS IF POSSIBLE
UNDERSTOOD!

COME ON.
WHAT'S WITH YOUR DEJECTED FACE?
IT'S BECAUSE... HMM...
PLEASE BE REALLY CAUTIOUS AND EXTRA CAREFUL
YOU TOO.
I'M ACTUALLY QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PARTNERSHIP
WILL YOU BOTH BE ALRIGHT?
WELL, IT'S ALL UP TO YOU GUYS NOW
OUR ONLY HOPE
YES, WE'LL BE FINE!
I GUESS.
PERHAPS
HEH, YOU TWO SEEM TO GET ALONG WELL AFTER ALL.

LET'S GO.
SHUIRI PLEASE MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR MIND READING ABILITY

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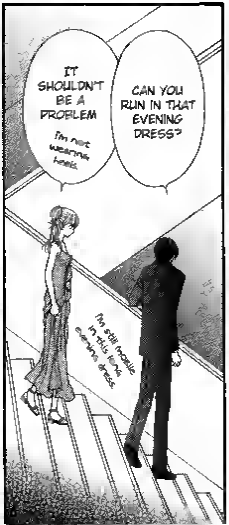
HOPE YOU'RE NOT GETTING TOO NERVOUS
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!


CAN YOU RUN IN THAT EVENING DRESS?
IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM
I'm not wearing heels.
I'm still hooked on this one evening dress.

I'VE GOT TO STOP SHAKING... MY USELESS LEGS!!
I WANT TO GO HOME!
PLEASE HELP ME!
I'M SCARED.
AHHHHHH!
HELP US PLEASE!
THEY ARE SCARY!
I'M SCARED.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
HELP!
HOW MUCH TIME IS LEFT?
OKASAN!
THIS IS NOT HAPPENING!
I WANNA GO HOMEEEE!

INFILTRATION HAS BEEN EASIER THAN ANTICIPATED
SHUT UP!
YEAH, IT'S BECAUSE THE ERROR 575 ARE OUTNUMBERED BY THE HOSTAGES THEREFORE THEY DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER TO MONITOR EVERY VICTIM.
I SEE. WELL, LET'S BE CAREFUL REGARDLESS.
THIS PILLAR IS GREAT FOR HIDING!
ARE UNDERNEATH THAT TABLE TOO.
IT'S THE TERRORIST'S BLIND SPOT

I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN CARRY ON
OI!
SPECIAL TRAINING
THIS ENTIRE SITUATION IS DREADFUL!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M SORRY
I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE VICTIMS' FEAR
Too much of it.
YOU'VE HAD ONE OF THOSE NO?
I... GUESS SO
In New York

HE'S RIGHT
IT'S EXACTLY AS WHAT HE'S SAID
THE SPECIAL TRAINING IN NEW YORK IS MEANT FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THESE
FEAR ISN'T SOMETHING WHICH CAN BE OVERCOME EASILY.
Don't be too harsh on yourself
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CHALLENGING, I'LL NEED TO GET MY ACT TOGETHER.
THEN YOU WILL BE FINE
SHOW SOME FAITH IN YOURSELF!
IT IS AN ELEMENT WHICH YOU WILL GRADUALLY GET USED TO.
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A CLEAR GOAL IN MIND-
I WILL PROTECT YOU TO THE BEST OF MY CAPABILITY. SO JUST DO YOUR PART.
GOOD...
AND EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT FINE
ALRIGHT
NOW I'LL NEED TO GET MY ACT TOGETHER
MY SHAKING HAS CEASED
Excuse me.
FIRST OF ALL, READ THAT BASTARD'S MIND
UNDER-STOOD

I'VE FOUND PROFESSOR AMABE'S DAUGHTER!
YES THE MAN WHOM I ENVISIONED EARLIER IS HERE WITH HER NOW...
REALLY? IS SHE OK?
HE MUST BE ANARI FOOT SOLDIER.
I CAN'T GET ANY USEFUL INFORMATION.
He knows we have a hostage.
AH!
AH, NAKAKUWA IS HERE TOO!
HUH?! He's still around?
THE TERRORISTS SEIZED THEIR WEAPONS AND HAD THEM RESTRAINED... OVER THERE...
WHERE ARE THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARRESTED YOU EARLIER?
I UNDERSTAND PLEASE STAY CALM.
HE WAS THE ONE WHO THREATENED TO KILL HER!!
NA... NA NAKAKUWA? GET HIM AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER!

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WHERE IS OKASAN?
I'M TERRIFIED.
THIS IS REALLY SCARY.
THIS MAN...
HE MUST BE A MEMBER OF L-N "211"
CAN'T WE EXECUTE HER YET?
HOW LONG MORE HAVE I GOT TO WAIT?
WHEN?
IT'S ABOUT TIME?
YOU ARE...
I'M GOING TO UNDO YOUR STRAPS NOW BUT DON'T MOVE YET
PLEASE REMOVE YOUR HATS IT'S TOO ATTENTION GRABBING
THEIR SECURITY GUARDS WERE HOPELESS
I'VE GOT IN CONTACT WITH HER THROUGH AN INTERNET WEBSITE
THEIR GOING TO MAKE HIM WITNESS HIS DAUGHTER'S DEATH RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES
THIS IS GOING TO BE PROFESSOR AMARE'S REVENGE FOR DECEIVING ANARI
THIS MAN IS MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN NAKAJIMA!
WE MUST GET HIM AWAY FROM PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER!
SAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
MIZUKA'S BLOG
LOCATION: VILLA
I'VE BEEN ENLIGHTENED FOR A STUPID REASON! HOW BORING... AH, THERE'S NOTHING MUCH TO DO HERE, BUT TO ADMIRE THE VIEWS THROUGH MY WINDOW...
MESSAGE IN <TAIKE> 18:55 HEY! WHAT HAPPENED? I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT! ARE YOU THE PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER?

UH EXCUSE ME!
WHAT IS IT?
I REALLY NEED TO USE THE BATHROOM!
THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY
WHAT!
JUST FINISH YOUR BUSINESS OVER THERE!
YOU... YOU ARE ROBBING ME OF MY DIGNITY!
I'M JUST GOING TO THE BATHROOM, PLEASE LET ME GO!
TERRORISTS DON'T HAVE A TIME ABOUT BEAUTY AND MANNER.
IT'S MY IMPRESSION.
I... I NEED TO USE THE BATHROOM TOO!
ME TOO...
SAME!
TH, IT'S GREAT...
AH! WHAT ABOUT YOU?
UH HUH. DON'T YOU NEED TO USE THE BATHROOM?
EH? ME?
YOU WILL BE WATCHED OVER.
DON'T EVEN TRY TO DO ANYTHING FISHY!!

Please, no.
Please, no.
Hurry up and come with me.
WELL THEN
I'll be right back.
EH?
YOU'RE GOING TO THE BATHROOM TOO?
YEAH I'M BUSTING
ALRIGHT. HURRY BACK THOUGH!
MY COVER WILL BE BLOWN IF I ATTEMPT TO STOP HER
THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WATCHING OVER ANYWAY
DID YOU ALL HEAR THAT?
OK— OK— YES, YEA.
EH----- FOR REAL?
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHERE'S MY DAUGH-TER?!
MAY I ASK DO YOU KNOW THAT MAN? IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S YOUR DAUGHTER'S CURRENT BOYFRIEND
HUUUUH?! NO!
HE SEEMS TO BE A MEMBER OF ANARI.
BUT THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM SINCE SHE HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY SAFELY
SHURI? PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER!
Mumble
Can you do that? Yes. Yes.
THE TERRORISTS. COULD THEY BE
That bastard.
WHAT THE HELL WERE THE GUARDS DOING?
Mumble
WHAT?!
MIZUKI'S BOYFRIEND? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM

WHY..?
Pssst
MIZUKI-SAN.
WHY DOES THIS PERSON...
KNOW MY NAME?
EHHH?
WHY?
MIZUKI...
IF YOU DON'T COOPERATE AND FAIL TO GIVE THEM THE FORMULA FOR THE TOXIC GAS..
YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE KILLED
EVERY-THING...
BUT HER BOYFRIEND...
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING FOR MIZUKI'S SAKE
HE'S A MEMBER OF ANARI
WHY HAVE THINGS GOTTEN TO THIS STAGE?!
I'M SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN INTRUSION BUT I'M ACTUALLY AN INVESTIGATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING YOUR FATHER.
BUT SHE'S SO YOUNG.
SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL
THAT'S GREAT
THINK OF SOMETHING!
OTO... OTOSAN? WHERE IS HE?
HE'S IN SAFE HANDS BUT HE'S STILL IN THE HOTEL
WELL THEN, CAN YOU SAVE ME PLEASE?
NOW, CAN YOU PRETEND TO HAVE A BAD STOMACH-ACHE AND REMAIN IN THE BATHROOM?
HUH? BUT HE'S WAITING FOR ME.
I WANT TO BE WITH TAKE-SAN.
TAKE-SAN IS WAITING FOR ME
I LOVE TAKE-SAN.
DON'T GO BACK! HE
ACTUALLY ONE OF THE TERRORISTS!

They've only just met each other yet she trusts him completely?
WE LOVE EACH OTHER SO MUCH THAT
ONLY DEATH WILL BRING US APART!
NO. I AM ON YOUR SIDE. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE REMAIN HERE.
I THINK IT'S YOU THAT IS SUSPICIOUS!
LISTEN TO YOUR OWN BULLSHIT!
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?
WHO IS THIS PERSON REALLY?
HUH?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
SHHH
Well...
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO SAY ANYTHING MORE HERE.
Drag
I'VE FAILED MISERABLY SIGH
AHH!
HE SEEMS TO HAVE A CLEAR MIND
I CAN READ HIM
4HH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
BAM
WAAAHHH!
THUD
THUD
THUD
HMM.
I THINK HER NERVES ARE GETTING TO HER
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
HURRY UP AND GO BACK!

DID THEY MANAGE TO SAVE MIZUKI?
THEY FAILED
BUT WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS
I'LL GO SAVE HER MYSELF
CLATTER
RATTLE
PROFES-SOR?!
PLEASE DON'T ACT RASHLY! YOU NEED TO REMAIN HERE TO HELP DEFUSE THE GAS BOMB IF ACTIVATED!
SLASH
SHUT UP ALREADY!!
!!
DON'T...
PROFES-SOR?!
DON'T TRY AND STOP ME!!

RUN
WAIT!
DIRECT-OR!
I'M FINE. IT'S JUST A MINOR WOUND.
SAHO-SAN, I'VE DISCOVERED THE LOCATION OF THE GAS BOMB.
BUT IT'S ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT
HIS MIND IS COMPLETELY HECTIC AND CONFUSED AT THE MOMENT WE MUST STOP HIM!
IT SEEMS TO BE LOCATED ON THE 37TH FLOOR, AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER... IN THE GENERATOR ROOM!
THE HOSTAGE'S INFORMATION WAS WRONG!
COLD SWEAT
AHHH— AND BY THE WAY, PROFESSOR AMABE HAS HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND IS MAKING HIS WAY DOWNSTAIRS. I'M SO SORRY!
PLEASE BE aware OF HIM AS HE'S GOT A KNIFE
TSK!
WHAT A DUMB ASS, HIS DAUGHTER WILL BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY THE MOMENT HE IS CAPTURED.
PROFESSOR AMABE MUST BE CLOUDED BY HIS FEAR.
OTOKI-SAN...
THERE ARE ALSO TWO OF THEM PATROLLING THE BUILDING WHILE THE REMAINING ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE 20TH TO 24TH FLOOR.
TWO ARE ON THE ROOF AND THREE OTHERS ARE MARKING THE EXIT ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
LINDER-STOOD
Just a quick run down.
THEIR LEADER IS LOCATED IN ROOM 301 ON THE 30TH FLOOR. HIS ROOM IS GUARDED BY TWO OTHER ANARI MEMBERS.
Well done!
WE'RE GOING THERE RIGHT AWAY TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION

DO YOU HAVE A WAY TO HELP US?
PLEASE SAVE US!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET.
MAYBE THEIR PLAN OF ACTION HAS ALREADY BEGUN
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE ACTION SOON
SHE ADMITTED HERSELF THAT SHE'S AN INVESTIGATOR
OTOKI SAN
WELL THEN, IS THAT MAN OVER THERE HER ASSISTANT?
EH?
CAMRATEN!
TAKAKANI
HOW MUCH TIME HAVE WE GOT LEFT?!
THINK OF A WAY!
WE'VE BEEN EXCHANGING TEXTS RECENTLY AND I HAVEN'T SEEN/HIM FOR A WHILE
AND COVER THEIR ACTIONS!
I THINK WE SHOULD LEND THEM A HAND
I WANT TO GO HOME
MISAMI
THIS IS TERRIFYING.
IS THERE STILL HOPE?
THIS OUTCOME... IS UNACCEPTABLE!
I'LL FIND A WAY TO LIVE.
KANTOSHI
MY CHILDREN AT HOME...
I WANT TO GO HOME!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
OKASAN!
I'M SCARED.
I WANT TO GO HOME!
I'M TERRIFIED.
SAVE ME PLEASE!
I MISS YOU!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!
I WANT TO GO HOME!
MY FAMILY
I MUST LIVE ON!!
IS WAITING FOR ME
THIS IS SCARY
THINK OF A WAY!
I WANT TO GO HOME!

I'LL BE AT THE ENTRANCE TO WATCH OUT FOR PROFESSOR AMABE
OK
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MIZUKI-SAN THEN
THAT WOMAN EARLIER IS REALLY STRANGE
HUH?
SHE WAS TELLING ME THAT TAKE-SAN IS ONE OF THE TERRORISTS
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THAT SHE IS STRANGE ISN'T SHE?
HOW DID SHE KNOW ABOUT IT?
HEY! THERE'S A SUSPICIOUS WOMAN IN HERE THAT SEEMS TO KNOW OF OUR PLANS
WHAT?!
CAN I KILL HER ALREADY?

Thank God I'm not here already
YES, I HEARD THAT.
I'LL GET FURTHER AWAY
PLEASE BE CAREFUL
EH, THINGS AREN'T LOOKING GOOD HERE.
THAT WOMAN WHO INSISTED ON GOING TO THE BATHROOM!

NO, NOT YET. WE HAVE TO EXECUTE HER IN FRONT OF AMABE'S EYES!
WHERE'S THAT WOMAN? WHERE DID SHE GO?!

ARGH...
URGH...
TAKE-SAN!
URKKK... PLEASE STOP!
TELL ME THIS IS NOT HAPPENING TAKE-SAN!

SSSST
IT'S HURTING ME..
YOU'RE HURTING ME! WHY..?
AHHHH!
SHUT UP!
YOU TOLD ME YOU LOVED ME! AND THAT I AM ADORABLE!!
YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE WITH ME THROUGH THICK AND THIN!
ALL THESE PROMISES
HOW ANNOYING! GET HER TO SHUT UP ALREADY!
PROFESSOR AMABE'S DAUGHTER...
THE SHOW HAS BEGUN!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! PLEASE SAVOR THE PAIN INFLICTED ON YOUR DAUGHTER'S FACE!
Hmmmmh
OTOSAN!
SAVE ME PLEASE!
THIS HURTS...
DON'T...
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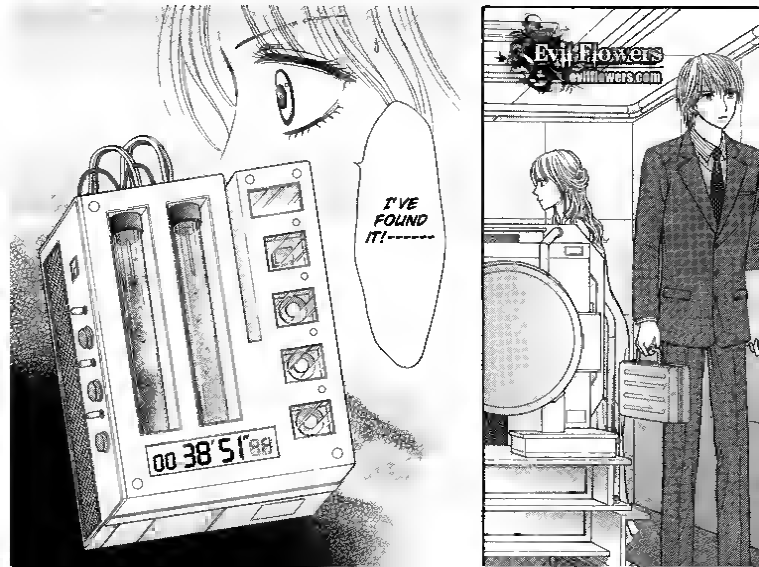
SHUT THE HELL UP!
OTOSAN----
EVEN THOUGH I'M IN THEIR BLIND SPOT...
UWAHHHH
COULD THEY HAVE NOTICED ME?
OTOSAN---------
UWAHHHH
WAAAAA
BUUUUU
WAAAAA
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING! SHUT UP!!
OTOSAN--- UWAHHHH---
DASH
NAK.

DASH
WHA-
?!
SLAM
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
CLICK
BAM!
WUUU!
TELL HIM THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE

IT'S NOTHING.
THE GIRL WAS STRUGGLING, THAT'S ALL.
TELL HER TO SHUT UP.
WE'LL LEAVE HERE FOR NOW...
QUIETLY.
IF YOU PULL THE TRIGGER
MY PARTNERS WILL DEFINITELY ATTACK THE HOSTAGES
SO WHAT?
CLICK
MY ONLY JOB IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MIZUKI-SAN OTHER MATTERS ARE OF NO CONCERN TO ME
I SHOULD JUST FINISH YOU OFF TO AVOID FURTHER TROUBLE
YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A "TERRORIST" THAN HE DOES
THERE'S SOMEONE AROUND
AH!
BUT MY SENSES TELL ME THAT...
THIS PERSON IS NOT PART OF THE TERRORIST GROUP
BUT...
ALRIGHT BUT... NAKAKUWA?
NAKAKUWA-SAN, OF ALL PEOPLE? GAH!
THANKS TO NAKAKUWA, WE MANAGED TO SECURE MIZUKI-SAN'S SAFETY. I'LL TAKE HER BACK TO THE CONTROL ROOM NOW.
THAT'S GREAT NEWS.

WHERE ARE THE TERRORISTS? WHERE ARE THE ENEMIES?
I NEED TO SAVE MIZUKI!
MIZUKI... I NEED TO GO...
PANT
PLEASE CALM DOWN!
YOUR DAUGHTER HAS BEEN SAVED!
WHO'S THIS PERSON? AN ENEMY TOO?
WHERE'S MIZUKI?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THIS IS NOT GOOD. HE IS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION
DON'T GET IN THE WAY!
Liar!
I KNOW YOU'RE LYING!
PROFESSOR!
I'm so glad you're safe!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OVER THERE!
GO AWAY!
I NEED TO GO SAVE MIZUKI!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU
SHE IS SAFE!!
WE'VE FOUND THE GAS BOMB
WE HAVE 38 MINUTES LEFT WHERE'S THE PROFESSOR?
PROFESSOR, PLEASE COME WITH ME
WE HAVE TO DIFFUSE THE GAS BOMB
RUNS
FOR PETE'S SAKE!!
LIFTS
AHHHHH! GAHHHH
SPLASH

SURPRISE!
SMACK
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
THROWS
THUMP
PROFES-SOR!
MY DAUGH-TER
LET ME GO!
CLANG

SMACK!
HOLD'S
PLEASE CONSIDER THE OTHERS!
STOP PUTTING YOURSELF AHEAD OF THOUSAND PEOPLE'S LIVES!
PROFESSOR, MIZUKI SAN
WITH NAKAKUWA-SAN'S ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SAVED HER!
EH----?
H--HIM?
BUT WHY?
MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE HE WAS A FATHER TOO!
EVEN THOUGH HIS ACTS WERE UNFORGIVABLE.
HE'S STILL A FATHER WHO CARED FOR HIS DAUGHTER FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART!

PROFES-SOR...
ALL THE VICTIMS HAVE PEOPLE THEY CARE FOR TOO
THEY WANT TO SURVIVE THIS SO THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR LOVED ONES.
EVERYBODY STILL HAS HOPE IN THIS DIRE SITUATION!
REALLY
THEY STILL HAVE HOPE IN SUCH A HOPELESS SITUATION
SO PLEASE, I BEG YOU, HELP DIFFUSE THE GAS BOMB!
WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP, PROFESSOR!
AH... HHHHH...
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I AM SO SORRY...
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY. PLEASE FOLLOW CLOSELY.
I'M SORRY ABOUT EARLIER.
A GLIMMER OF HOPE!
EVERYONE COULD ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST.

BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTS TO RETURN HOME TO THEIR LOVED ONES.
WHAT'S THE SITUATION LIKE?
THIS WITHOUT A DOUBT, IS MY DESIGN.
IN ORDER TO STOP THE TIMER, WE HAVE TO DEACTIVATE THE BOTTOM RIGHT BUTTON
But the casing will need to be dismantled for us to reach the button.
SO THE BOTTOM RIGHT BUTTON YEAH?
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ONCE THE TIMER HAS RUN OUT, THE TWO CHEMICALS WILL COME TOGETHER. AND WITH THE MOTOR GENERATING POWER, THE TOXIC GAS WILL THEREFORE BE RELEASED INTO THE AIR.
WE CAN'T REACH IT BECAUSE THE OPENING IS TOO NARROW. MAYBE THEY PLACED THE BOMB THROUGH ANOTHER OPENING...
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME! EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE LOCATED THE BOMB...
And it's only 1...6m away!
DIRECTOR? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS? ANOTHER LOCATION?

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THERE'S A 90 X 90 PS* OPENING WHICH LEADS TO THE GAS BOMB. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN FROM THERE
Ah.
IT'S LOCATED IN THE STORE ROOM ON THE 18TH FLOOR. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THERE?
GOT IT. I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO GET THERE.
IT'S HAPPENING AS WE SPEAK
Uh-huh
WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT ANOTHER WAY!
UNLESS WE BLOW UP THE WALL THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD REACH IT
KURO HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE BLUE-PRINTS FOR THE BUILDING?

I'VE NEVER GIVEN ANY APPROVAL FOR YOU TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS
IF DISCOVERED, THE HOSTAGES WILL SURELY BE ATTACKED---- UNDERSTOOD. WE'LL MAKE OUR MOVE IN HERE
YAK!-SAN, HAS THE SAT INFILTRATED THE BUILDING?
THEY'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT. IT WILL BE QUITE DIFFICULT TO NOT BE NOTICED THOUGH.
HE'S TRYING TO SHOVE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES SO THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BEAR ANY BAD CONSEQUENCES....
I GOT IT.
JUST CARRY ON WITH YOUR NEGOTIATION THEN
WHAT ABOUT THE SURPRISE ATTACK?
IT'S BEING PREPARED.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHIT....
Someone's patrolling this floor
HEY YOU, STOP!
18F
HOW SLOW CAN HE BE! THAT BASTARD!
BUNCH OF USELESS APES!
DO YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK?

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I FEEL SLIGHTLY UNWELL
AND MY BODY FEELS STIFF
H... IS IT?
BUT ALL THE HOSTAGES SHOULD REMAIN ON THE 20 - 24TH FLOOR
PUNCH
UWAH!
CRACKLE
EH? AH?
CRACKLE
DIRECTOR ------?!
SHE'S BEEN CUT OFF!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I NEED TO CALM DOWN FIRST!!
ONE MOMENT PLEASE
WAIT!
Wait. WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW? Without the director

HOLD ON!
PLEASE LET ME RETURN TO THE ROOM
Mizuki
HUH? WAIT----
HUH?
I WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO REMAIN HERE FOR NOW
NO WORRIES!
ONLY 31 MINUTES AND ONE SECOND REMAINS. EVERY SECOND IS PRECIOUS!
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL HAVE ANY ORDERS FOR US AT THE MEAN TIME...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN HER WIRELESS DEVICE ACTING UP!
SAHO-SAN WILL NOT BE DEFEATED, THAT EASILY. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
STOP. THAT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS
THE ONLY OTHER SOLUTION LEFT NOW IS TO SEIZE THE REMOTE CONTROL FROM ANARI.
RIPS
This dress is really in the way.
OTOKAWA, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I NEED TO TRY
SAHO SAN WOULD DEFINITELY APPROVE OF MY PLAN
IT WILL BE EQUALLY DANGEROUS IF WE DON'T TRY ANYTHING AT ALL
She has gotten used to this.

BAM
I AM GOING TO TAKE THEM HEAD ON!!
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME
MEMBERS OF ANARI!!
!?
!!?
SILENCE
!?
WH----- WHAT?!
HEY, THAT'S THE SUSPICIOUS WOMAN FROM EARLIER!
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I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT YOUR LEADER IS LOCATED ON THE 30TH FLOOR.
SHITOU YUKIMASA-SAN
HE WAS BORN IN 1946 & DROP OUT OF KYUNGDONG UNIVERSITY
PLEASE, I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM
I'M A PRIVATE INVESTIG-ATOR.
THERE ARE THINGS I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH SHITOU-SAN.
INVESTIGATOR?
A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR?
EVERYTHING SHE SAID WAS ACCURATE!
WHAT?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THOSE FACTS.
WHO THE HELL IS SHE?
NO IDEA
WHY DOES SHE SEEM TO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT OUR LEADER?
JUST WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
HAS SHE GONE CRAZY FROM FEAR?
SAVE ME.
WHAT CAN SHE DO ON HER OWN?
DON'T DO IT!
THIS GIRL...
SCARY!
IS SHE GIVING UP?
SAVE ME PLEASE?
SHE'S COURAGEOUS EVEN IN THE CURRENT SITUATION
TERRIBLE!
PLEASE HELP!
GANBATTE!
I'M SCARED.
I'M TERRIFIED
SAVE ME
THINK OF SOMETHING TO HELP US!
SHE'S OUT OF HER MIND!

PLEASE SAVE ME!
WHAT'S GOT INTO ME?
SAVE US!
THINGS ARE GETTING MORE INTERESTING NOW!
BRING HER TO ME
YET I'M TRYING SO HARD TO HELP EVERYBODY NOW
I'VE ALWAYS RUN AWAY FROM OTHERS' FEARS AND TROUBLES
I WANT TO GO HOME!
I'M SO SCARED.
New Imperial
I JUST WANT TO HELP THEM!
A STRANGE INVESTIGATOR...
AND A WOMAN TOO?
I JUST WANT TO TRY MY BEST TO HELP.
HAHAHA! I LIKE THAT!

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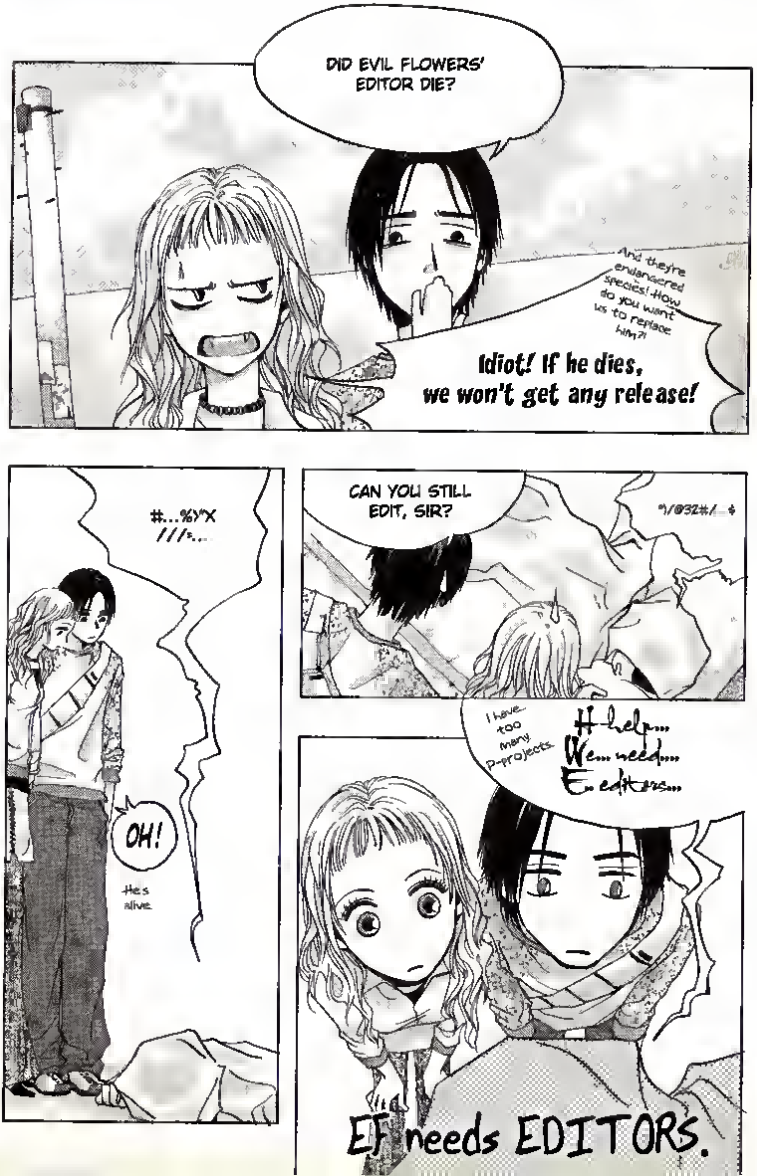
DID EVIL FLOWERS' EDITOR DIE?
And they're endangered species! How do you want us to replace him?!
Idiot! If he dies, we won't get any release!
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OH!
He's alive
CAN YOU STILL EDIT, SIR?
*!/@3Z#!...
I have too many projects.
H-help... We...need... E-editors...
EF needs EDITORS.

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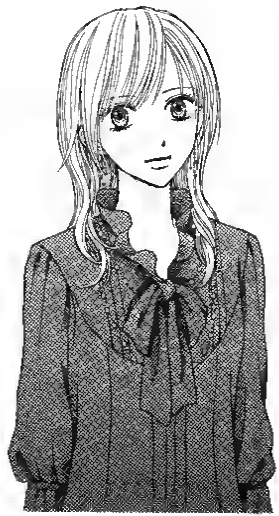

New Imperial
A DIRECT CONFRONT-ATION?
THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE HAVE TO STOP HER!
I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YOUR POST!

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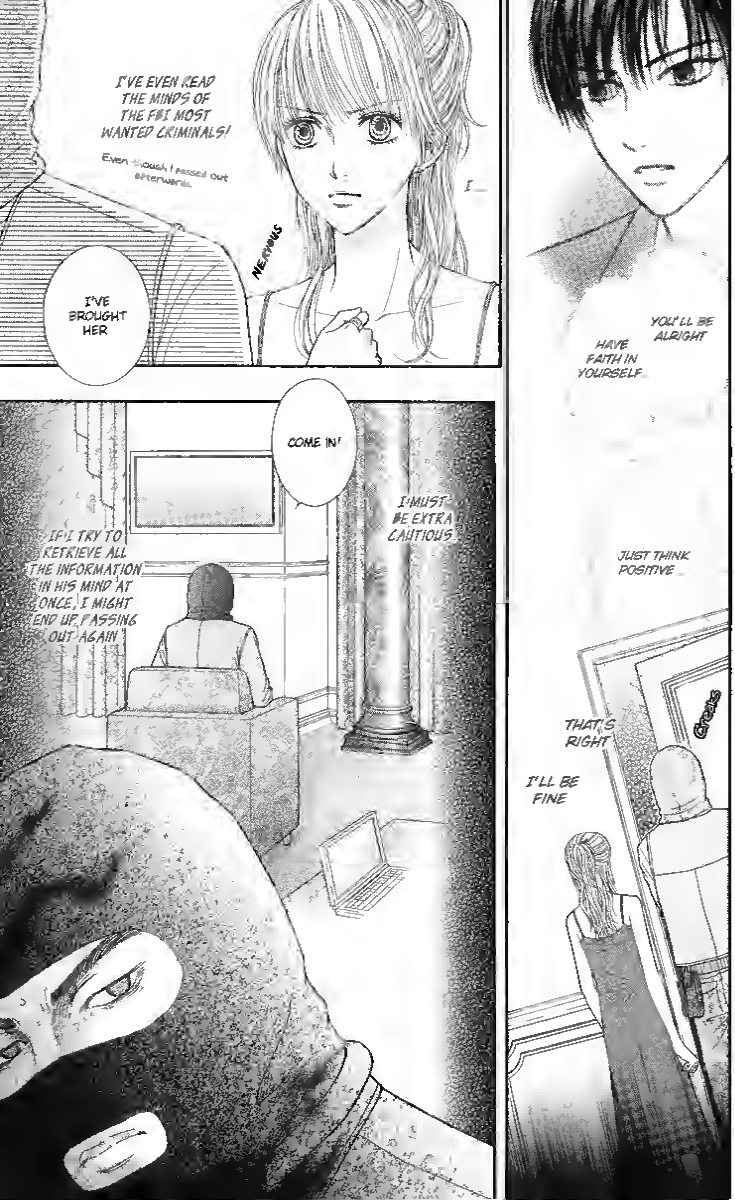
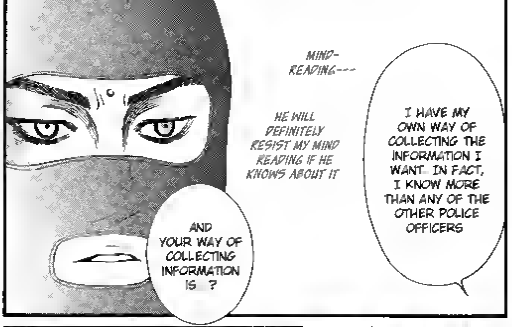
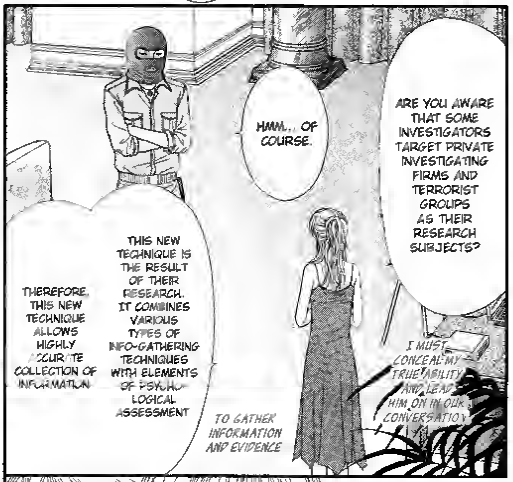
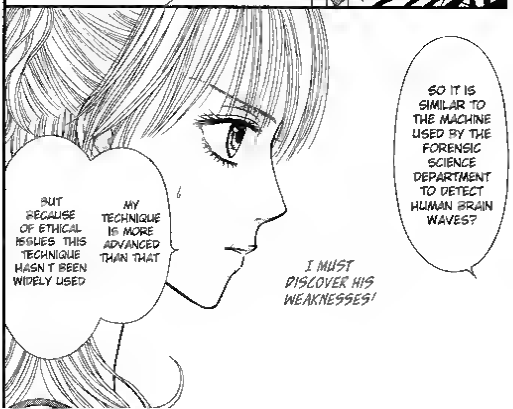
THIS WAY!
OUR LEADER HAS AGREED TO SEE YOU.
I WANT TO GO HOME!
SHE'S AN INVESTIGATOR?
THINK OF A WAY!
AAH, I HOPE SHE'S NOT GOING TO GET KILLED.
IS SHE REALLY AN INVESTIGATOR?
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL SURVIVE!
SAVE ME!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO MEET WITH THEIR LEADER AND FIND A WAY TO SECURE THE REMOTE CONTROL.
NERVOUS
SAVE ME!
SAVE ME PLEASE!
DEEP DOWN IN MY HEART, I REALLY WANT TO HELP THESE PEOPLE.
I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO SAVE THEM
THINK OF A WAY!
SHE WON'T MAKE IT. SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE US!
SO TERRIFYING!
I WANT TO GO HOME.
SAVE ME PLEASE!
HOW MUCH LONGER HAVE WE GOT?
TERRIFYING!


I'VE EVEN READ THE MINDS OF THE FBI MOST WANTED CRIMINALS!
Even though I passed out afterwards.
I...
NERVOUS
I'VE BROUGHT HER
COME IN!
I MUST BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS
IF I TRY TO RETRIEVE ALL THE INFORMATION IN HIS MIND AT ONCE, I MIGHT END UP PASSING OUT AGAIN
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT
HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF...
JUST THINK POSITIVE...
Creaks
THAT'S RIGHT
I'LL BE FINE

I'M FEELING THE BURDEN!!
SHE HAD A KNIFE BUT I'VE SEIZED IT.
HAVE YOU ...?
FOR SOME REASON IT FEELS AS THOUGH HE'S CONTROLLING MY MIND...
HIS WAY OF THINKING IS DEFINITELY ABNORMAL.
I AM SHIDOU
I'LL KILL HER IMMEDIATELY IF SHE'S A NUISANCE
SHE LOOKS LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY GIRL.
I AM OTOKI, THE INVESTIGATOR
HE'S CARRYING A PISTOL ON HIS WAIST BELT
HE'S PLANNING ON TAKING ME OUT
BUT WHERE'S THE REMOTE CONTROL?
TO FIND OUT, I NEED TO LEAD HIM ON...
BY TALKING ABOUT THE BOMB SETUP.
NO, FIRST AND FOREMOST
I NEED TO GET RID OF HIS INTENTION OF KILLING ME!
I ...
NO I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.
ARE YOU WITH THE POLICE?
HOW DID YOU KNOW ALL THAT INFORMATION?

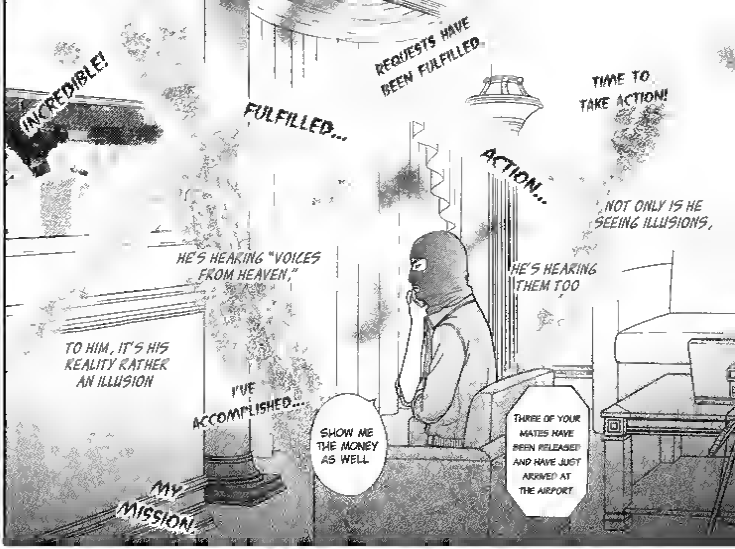

MIND-READING---
HE WILL DEFINITELY RESIST MY MIND READING IF HE KNOWS ABOUT IT
I HAVE MY OWN WAY OF COLLECTING THE INFORMATION I WANT. IN FACT, I KNOW MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER POLICE OFFICERS
AND YOUR WAY OF COLLECTING INFORMATION IS ?


HMM... OF COURSE.
ARE YOU AWARE THAT SOME INVESTIGATORS TARGET PRIVATE INVESTIGATING FIRMS AND TERRORIST GROUPS AS THEIR RESEARCH SUBJECTS?
I MUST CONCEAL MY TRUE ABILITY AND LEAD HIM ON IN OUR CONVERSATION
THIS NEW TECHNIQUE IS THE RESULT OF THEIR RESEARCH. IT COMBINES VARIOUS TYPES OF INFO-GATHERING TECHNIQUES WITH ELEMENTS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT
THEREFORE, THIS NEW TECHNIQUE ALLOWS HIGHLY ACCURATE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION
TO GATHER INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE


SO IT IS SIMILAR TO THE MACHINE USED BY THE FORENSIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT TO DETECT HUMAN BRAIN WAVES?
I MUST DISCOVER HIS WEAKNESSES!
MY TECHNIQUE IS MORE ADVANCED THAN THAT
BUT BECAUSE OF ETHICAL ISSUES THIS TECHNIQUE HASN'T BEEN WIDELY USED

SHIDOU-SAN, I...
PLEASE LET ME BE A PART OF ANARI
I'M SURE I'LL BE OF GREAT HELP TO YOU!
MATSUYAMA?
TERAMOTO?
OR WAS IT MORI?
WILL THIS BE HIS WEAKNESS?
BASICALLY I GATHERED YOUR INFORMATION FROM ONE OF YOUR SUBORDINATES
DID YOU DRUG HIM?
WHAT! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
I CAN'T TRUST HER...
NO. HOLD ON.
HOW COULD I JUST BLINDLY TRUST WHAT SHE'S SAYING..
WILL HE START BOOTING HIS SUBORDINATES?
THE REMOTE CONTROL!!
RETREAT?!
THAT'S RIGHT! THINK ABOUT THE GAS BOMB!
DEFUSE THE GAS BOMB?!
BUT IN RETURN, I HOPE YOU'LL DEFUSE THE GAS BOMB AND RETREAT.
WHAT?!
WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU CAN HOLD ME AS YOUR HOSTAGE WHEN RETREATING.
THIS GI L...
HAS SHE GONE CRAZY?

TO "SURVIVE" OBVIOUSLY. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SURVIVING?
WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GET BY JOINING ANARI?
IS SHE PLANNING ON RESCUING THE OTHER HOSTAGES?
SHE MUST BE WITH THE POLICE.
slide
START
STOP
DEACTIVATE?
RETREAT.
THE LOWER BUTTON DEACTIVATES THE BOMB
THE BOX
4 6 2 3 * 7 5 0 6 3
PASSWORD?
HOSTAGE.
SHE'S AFRAID OF DEATH JUST LIKE OTHERS.
GIVE ME A MOMENT.
AS ANTICIPATED...
I SEE
WHAT A FOOL!
THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE
IS THE INNER MOST ROOM!
THIS GIRL...
HIS SUBCONSCIOUS IS LETTING ITS GUARD DOWN
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION!
SHOW ME ON THE SCREEN THAT YOU'RE NOT BLUFFING ME
WE ARE REFUELING THE JET AT THE MOMENT
YEAH. I GUESS IT'S MOSTLY DONE.
THIS IS SHIDOU HAVE YOU FULFILLED MY REQUESTS?


INCREDIBLE!
REQUESTS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED
TIME TO TAKE ACTION!
FULFILLED...
ACTION...
NOT ONLY IS HE SEEING ILLUSIONS,
HE'S HEARING "VOICES FROM HEAVEN."
HE'S HEARING THEM TOO
TO HIM, IT'S HIS REALITY RATHER AN ILLUSION
I'VE ACCOMPLISHED...
SHOW ME THE MONEY AS WELL
THREE OF YOUR MATES HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT
MY MISSION...

AMARI...
IN THE NAME...
OF GOD
HAS ACCOMPLISHED...
A STRONG AND DETERMINED INDIVIDUAL
EVEN THOUGH...
TRUE IDENTITY WELL...
SUBCONSCIOUSLY?
AM I STILL FEELING THE AFTER EFFECT OF ALCOHOL?
I'VE READ HIM THROUGH AND THROUGH
IT'S MISSION!
ACCOMPLISHED!
EVEN IF HIS REQUESTS ARE FULFILLED,
HE HAS NO PLAN ON DEFUSING THE GAS BOMB
UTTERLY DESPICABLE
IS THIS A PLANNED SUICIDE ATTACK?
OR ARE THEY GOING TO RETREAT AT SOME POINT?

FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART
IGNORING THE CURRENT SITU..TION...
THERE ARE OTHER IMAGES I'VE SEEN
ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND...
HE CAME FROM YOUR AVERAGE FAMILY
HOWEVER, HE FELT LIKE HIS PARENTS WERE NEGLECTING HIM AND HENCE HE WANTED TO WIN BACK THEIR ATTENTION.
IT STARTED WITH A PET DOG
HIS SUBCONSCIOUS
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
WAS OVERWHELMED BY HIS GROWING FEAR
HE THEREFORE CONVINCED HIMSELF THAT HE'S CARRYING OUT GOD'S ORDERS
HE HAD A BROTHER WHO OUTSHINED HIM
HE MURDERED HIM
MURDERED HIM?!
HE GAINED SATISFACTION FROM ACCOMPLISHING HIS MISSIONS
SUICIDE...
HE BELIEVES THERE'S NOTHING TOO DIFFICULT FOR HIM
HE'S PROUD OF HIS CAPABILITIES
NO, WAIT, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S A PSYCHO! HIS WAY OF THINKING IS MORE HUMANE THAN I'D HAVE EVER THOUGHT
CAN I USE HIS BAD MEMORIES AGAINST HIM...?!
WHAT...?
BESIDES, ALL HIS BAD MEMORIES ARE LOCKED AWAY...
SO THAT HE CAN REMAIN SANE
HE WENT ABROAD WHEN HE WAS 20 TO FURTHER HIS EDUCATION
THAT WAS ALSO THE PERIOD WHEN HE GOT THE IDEAS OF FORMING A TERRORIST GROUP
SO... YOUR NAME IS OTOKI HUH?
YES
SHOCK
HER BODY IS COVERED WITH GOOSEBUMPS
IS SHE FEELING SICK?
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
LEAVE THE ROOM!
IS IT BECAUSE OF HER FEAR?
LEAVE!
UNDER-STOOD

.....
SHOULD I SAY IT...?
SHOULD I ATTACK HIM PSYCHOLOGICALLY...?!
WHAT ELSE DO YOU KNOW?
OTHERWISE...
TELL ME MORE SO THAT I CAN BELIEVE IN THE NEW TECHNIQUE YOU'VE BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT
YOU'LL BE USELESS TO THE GROUP.
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WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER,
YOUR BROTHER PASSED AWAY IN AN ACCIDENT
AFTER A LENGTHY INVESTIGATION, THE POLICE CONCLUDED THAT IT WASN'T A MERE ACCIDENT.
GLARES

GRABS
POINTS
SHE HAS GREAT ABILITIES IN GATHERING INFORMATION...
IT'S A SHAME THAT A TALENT LIKE HER HAS TO BE KILLED.
MUST BE KILLED IMMEDIATELY!
SOMEONE AS THREATENING AS YOU...

I SHOULD JUST KILL HER RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
BUT...
SHE'S A DANGER.
WHY DOES IT MATTER?
A LEADER OF YOUR CALIBRE...
IT'S ALRIGHT. I KNOW HE'S NOT GOING TO SHOOT JUST YET.
IF YOU KILL ME NOW,
THE OTHER MEMBERS MIGHT LEARN ABOUT YOUR PAST.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S SUSPICIOUS OF ME, I KNOW THAT HE'S GREATLY INTERESTED IN MY ABILITIES.
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE BABBLING ABOUT?
SHE HAS NO EVIDENCE!
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ARE RELATED TO YOU IN ANY OTHER WAY.
WHY DOES IT MATTER IF YOUR SUBORDINATES FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR PAST?
WHAT...?
!?
!?
MESS.
WHY...?
A LAST WHICH HE'S BEEN TRYING TO LOCK AWAY ALL THESE YEARS...
MY PSYCHOLOGICAL ATTACK IS STARTING TO WORK.
...THE UNEASINESS OF BEING EXPOSED...
IS THIS MIND-READING A BRANCH OF PSYCHOLOGY?!
WHY DOES THIS GIRL...
NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
NO.

DON'T LISTEN TO HER!
BUT
I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HER INFORMATION CORRESPONDS TO MY DOUBT ABOUT SOME OF THE ANARI MEMBERS.
SHE'S ACTING STRANGE.
WHEN DID SHE FIND OUT ABOUT IT?
ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION I'VE GATHERED, MATSUYAMA, TERAMOTO, MORI AND SAGUCHI HAVE PLANNED TO ESCAPE AT SOME POINT.
FOUR OF THEM ARE NOT PREPARED TO DIE IN THIS ATTACK YET.
AMONG YOUR SUBORDINATES...
I MUST PRESS HIM FURTHER.
SO THAT HE CAN'T THINK CLEARLY
HE'S FEELIN' DISSATISFIED BECAUSE HIS OCCUPATION HERE HASN'T BEEN REPORTED GLOBALLY
HE'S NOT RECEIVING THE ATTENTION HE WAS ANTICIPATING!
HE IS STARTING TO SENSE FEAR AND DEATH
THIS GIRL
DON'T TRUST HER WORDS.
THOSE BASTARDS!
.....
WHAT?! NO!
HOW FOOLISH OF THEM!
THERE ARE SO A HANDFUL WHO ARE ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO IN LIFE THEY AREN'T ACTING ON BEHALF OF GOD'S CALLING AT ALL
AMONG YOUR SUBORDINATES,

I CAN BE YOUR LEFT HAND IN A BIGGER, GRANDER PLOT!
IN THE NAME OF GOD, ANARI.
ORDER.
MISSION.
HOSTAGE.
WHY DON'T WE RETREAT AND I'LL BE YOUR HOSTAGE?
THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY PREPARED A HELICOPTER.
ACCOMPLISHED.

A BIGGER PLOT?
THIS GIRL...
MISSION
THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY FULFILLED ALL YOUR REQUESTS
IT'S YOUR VICTORY!
VICTORY?
?
THERE'S NO POINT FOR YOU TO ACTIVATE THE GAS BOMB AND GET KILLED WITH THE OTHERS!
BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER MISSIONS AWAITING YOU!!
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS GET RID OF YOUR USELESS SUBORDINATES, AND AIM FOR SOMETHING BIGGER!!
THUD

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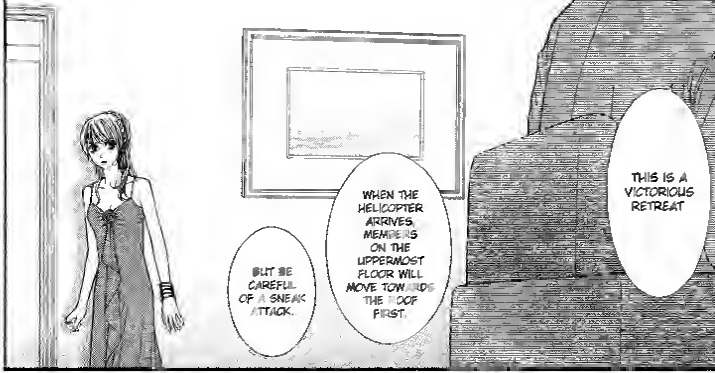
I'VE DECIDED...
I'LL KILL YOU LAST.

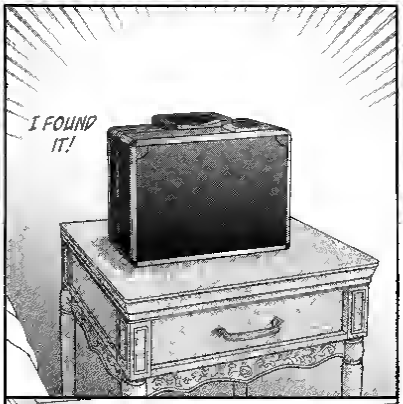
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH BIGGER ACHIEVEMENTS.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A DANGER
IF I CAN USE HER WISELY...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A GIRL AS COURAGEOUS AS YOU.
BUT WITH HER HELP
HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT ME!
JUST AS YOU WISH, YOU CAN BE MY HOSTAGE NOW!
I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT RETREATING BEFORE YOU EVEN MENTIONED IT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPRECIATION.
MY NEXT STEP IS TO SEIZE HIS REMOTE CONTROL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPRECIATION.
THAT'S ALL.
BASIC-ALLY,
SHE'S STILL SAFE AND SOUND
SIGH OF RELIEF
GOOD, MY HEART ALMOST STOPPED BEATING.
TREMBLES
JOLTS
CUZZZZ
SORRY, I'M REALLY SORRY MY WIRELESS MICROPHONE IS BROKEN
BUT I DEFEATED ONE OF THEM AND ROBBED HIM OF HIS PHONE AND GUN...
DI
DIRECT-OR...?!
You're safe!
BUT SHURI-SAN SHE'S...
I HEARD HER. SHE'S GOING TO TRY TO SECURE THE REMOTE CONTROL.
My earphones are working fine!
SHE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION. WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!
HOW ARE THINGS OVER YOUR SIDE?

It felt flimsy when I joined up a few objects.
Well.
I've been trying to find a suitable stick to retrieve the bomb, but to find a stick as long as I'm over here, it's quite a challenge.
I see. Alright, don't act hastily without my orders. Just wait for now.
BOOOM
I need to take down a lot of structures to make it to the bomb, it's not looking good here.
How long more have we got?
We still have... 16 minutes
Got it. I'll try my best to reach the bomb from this end
I've just sneaked into the 15 from the 15th floor
They have indeed installed the gas bomb in here!
The head terrorist said he's retreating but with a hostage.
Who's the host-age?!
But he wants to have a huge helicopter ready for them at once.
We aren't sure yet.
They even welded back its cover afterwards

SPECIAL ASSAULT TEAM...
ON STANDBY!
IT'S SHIDOU HERE.
LET EVERYONE KNOW...
OH... WE'RE RETREATING?
RETREATING?
YES.
LEADER, WHAT ABOUT OUR REVENGE AGAINST PROFESSOR AMABE?
WE'LL HEAD TO THE AIRPORT WITH A HOSTAGE IN HAND, MEET UP WITH OUR RELEASED FRIENDS AND HEAD TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.
WE'LL STILL ACTIVATE THE GAS BOMB.
LET AMABE AND HIS DAUGHTER DIE IN HERE!
OUR MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED HERE
I'M SURE THE COUNTRY IS MORE OR LESS AWARE OF OUR STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES!


THIS IS A VICTORIOUS RETREAT
WHEN THE HELICOPTER ARRIVES, MEMBERS ON THE UPPERMOST FLOOR WILL MOVE TOWARDS THE ROOF FIRST.
BUT BE CAREFUL OF A SNEAK ATTACK.


I FOUND IT!

YEAH...
UTILISE THE TIME WE HAVE

OH, AND TO STOP THE POLICE'S ASSAULT
ESPECIALLY THOSE ON THE FIRST FLOOR. THEY NEED TO STAY ON GUARD FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

4-6-2 3-5
CLICK CLICK CLICK
RIGHT
AKIRA IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF GOD

Opens
GASP
SUCCESS!
BANG!
THIS WOMAN
SHE EVEN OPENED THE CASE WITH SUCH EASE!
SHE DODGED IT?!
SHE DODGED MY SHOT FROM BEHIND EVEN WITHOUT LOOKING?

BANG
BUT IT'S A SHAME
POINTS
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO KILL HER?
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?!

SPLURTS
HURRY!
GET THE REMOTE CONTROL!
RIKI!

SHURI!
EXPLODES
CLATTERS
WAA!
WHAT HAPPENED?!

SHURI?
SHURI-SAN?!
(COUGH
YOU ALRIGHT?
(COUGH
YES, BUT...
THE REMOTE CONTROL...
WHOOOOSH
IT'S GONE!
WAS IT DESTROYED IN THE EXPLOSION? OR MAYBE IT FLEW OUT OF THE WINDOW FROM THE IMPACT?
SHE SAID IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR PERHAPS IT FLEW OUT OF THE WINDOW...
FIND IT AT ONCE!!

THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN SHOT IN THEIR LIMBS AS WELL
A BLOW TO THE BACK OF THEIR HEADS HAVE SENT THEM UNCONSCIOUS
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE, BUT THEY'VE BEEN KNOCKED OUT
THERE IS NO OTHER EXIT FROM THIS BUILDING
THEY ARE STILL IN HERE
SHOULD WE TAKE CARE OF THEM?
SOME OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT.
WHAT WAS THAT EXPLOSION?
EH?!
AN ENEMY DISGUISED TO BE ONE OF US
I'VE BEEN SHOT IN MY HAND AND LEG
LEADER!!
WHAT HAPPENED JUST THEN?!

FOOTSTEPS
HOSTILITY...
THEY ARE COMING FOR US
About 4 or 5 of them
IT'S QUITE A HARD TASK TO DEFEAT ALL OF THEM WITHOUT KILLING ANY
I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK ANYMORE
GO IN A TEAM OF FIVE.
IF IT PERMITS, CAPTURE THEM ALIVE
THAT MAN ISN'T ANY ORDINARY ENEMY IS HE FRIENDS WITH THAT WOMAN ..?
SUCH FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS IN THIS HOTEL
COULD THERE BE OTHERS?

BOOOM
THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 10 PLANKS I NEED TO GET THROUGH. TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT IN TIME OVER HERE.
.....
HOW MUCH MORE TIME?!
ONLY ONLY 5 MINUTES AND 35 SECONDS LEFT
YOU CAN'T FIND THE REMOTE CONTROL?
WHAT'S THE SITUATION OVER THERE?
HURRY UP!
WE HAVEN'T FOUND IT!
GLOCK GLOCK
WHEN THE ANARI MEMBERS MOVE TOWARDS HE ROOF, JUST UTILIZE THAT TIME TO SAVE AS MANY HOSTAGES AS POSSIBLE.
SNAPS
WHAT... WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?!
BUT EVEN IF THE GAS BOMB IS ACTIVATED I BELIEVE THE GAS MIST WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO FLOW AND REACH THE HOSTAGES
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW ?!
YAKI-SAN, DIRECTOR...
I'M SORRY, I'LL KEEP WORKING BUT I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING

There are still terrorists guarding the first floor, making any infiltration difficult!
Well then, infiltrate from the top! Start from the 10th floor!
Have the scaling ladders ready!
There is no need to worry about us. Just do your best to save the hostages!
Please, it will be up to you!
Kouno-kun!
Click
Kubo, leave the scene as soon as you can!
Uh-hmm
Perhaps you an escape from the 10th floor. But be careful and observe your surroundings!
Radio
Radio
00:04'02
BANG!
Professor and the others, tell them to escape from the 10th floor too!
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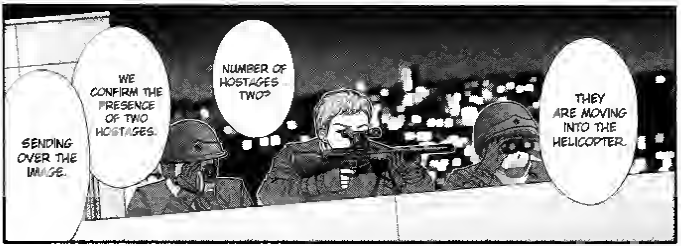

WE CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF TWO HOSTAGES.
NUMBER OF HOSTAGES TWO?
THEY ARE MOVING INTO THE HELICOPTER.
SENDING OVER THE IMAGE.

SHUU-GAN, HOW ARE THINGS IN THERE? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU MUST ESCAPE FROM THIS ORDEAL!!
YOUTA...
SHU-
YOUR PARTNER'S?
SHURI!! AND RIKI!!

ONLY THREE MINUTES LEFT!
REMOTE CONTROL?
HAVEN'T FOUND IT!
FIRST FLOOR?
I DON'T THINK IT WOULD HAVE SURVIVED THE FALL EVEN IF WE MANAGED TO FIND IT.
ENEMIES ARE STILL WATCHING THE HOSTAGES
THE HELICOPTER HASN'T TAKEN OFF
10TH FLOOR.
PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE 10TH FLOOR WITH CARE.

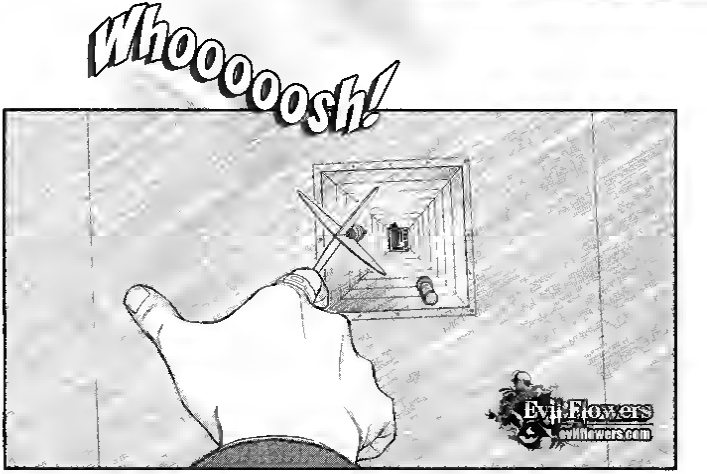
SIGH
OUT OF BULLETS!!
BANG! BANG!
CLICK
REALLY... I'M REALLY SORRY !
EVERYBODY..
BUT FIVE PLANKS LEFT
EACH ONE TAKES UP A FULL MINUTE

I believe everyone has forgotten...
BUT I ACTUALLY BROUGHT DARTS WITH ME.
YOU'A STILL HASN'T LEFT FOR SAFETY?!
HUH?!
CAN I TAKE A RISK?
IT'S A NARROW, DARK, 8M LONG CHANNEL
IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT...
HE'S NEVER GOING TO GET IT!
DARTS?!
I UNDERSTAND THE RISK. THAT'S WHY I'LL ONLY THROW MY DART AT THE VERY LAST SECOND
NO!! DON'T!!
IF YOU MISS THE DEACTIVATOR, YOU MIGHT ACCELERATE THE RELEASE OF THE TOXIC GAS...
Gah! My smartphone is broken!
CAN I AIM MY DART AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT BUTTON?
IN THIS

BECAUSE IF THINGS KEEP GOING LIKE THIS, WE'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TAKE A GAMBLE
.....
URGH!
THROW IT NOW!
YOUTA, JUST RUN!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
BECAUSE... 1000 LIVES ARE IN MY HAND
I MUST BE AS CAREFUL AS I CAN...
BUT I GUESS SOMEONE HAS TO BEAR THE BRUNT AFTER ALL
HEH, HEHEHE
ONLY ONE MINUTE LEFT...
SINCE NO ONE'S REPLYING, I'LL GO AHEAD AND GIVE IT A GO?

YOU---
CLACK
GAH! I DROPPED THE DART. AND NOW ITS TAIL IS BROKEN!!
Wahhhhhhhhhh!
DROPS
YOUTA---!!
DON'T WORRY I HAVE MORE DARTS
WORRY NOT
I CAN DO IT!!
I CAN DO IT!
WE'LL DEFINITELY
MAKE IT OUT SAFELY!
BECAUSE...
00:00'43"

YOU'TA!!
YOU FOOL!!
DIDN'T SEE UNFORTUNATE EVENTS FROM THE FUTURE!
SHURI-SAN...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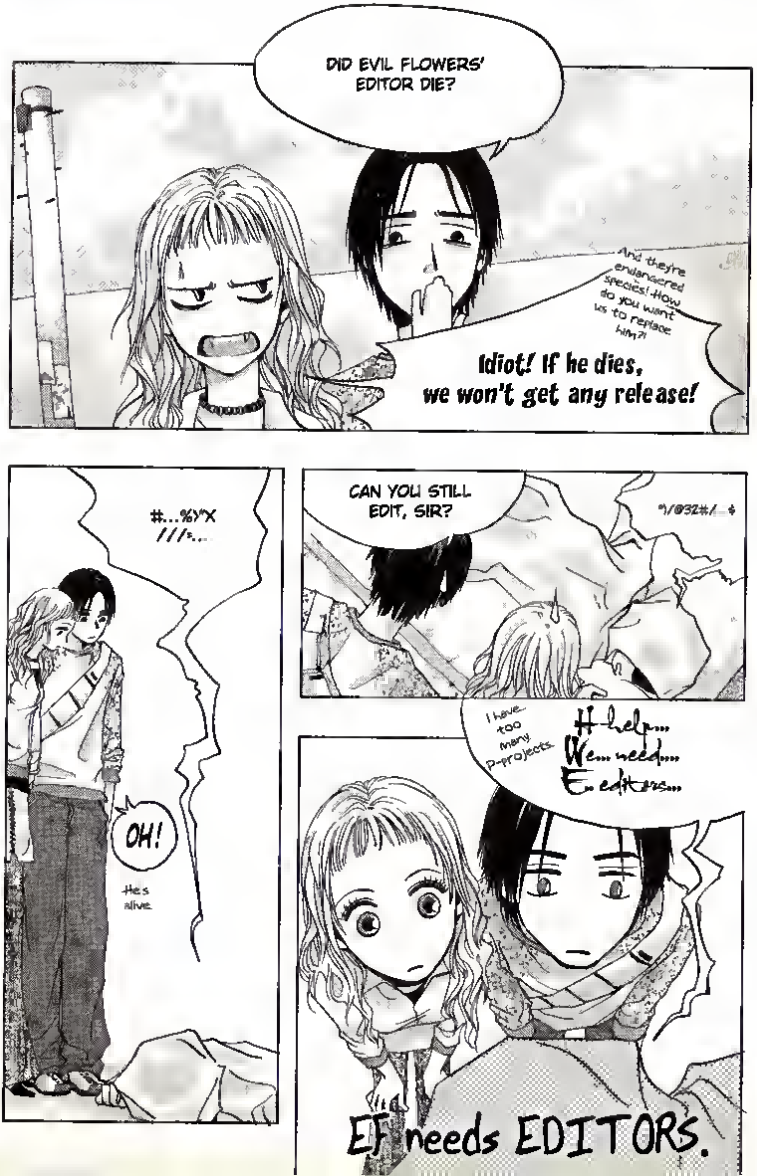
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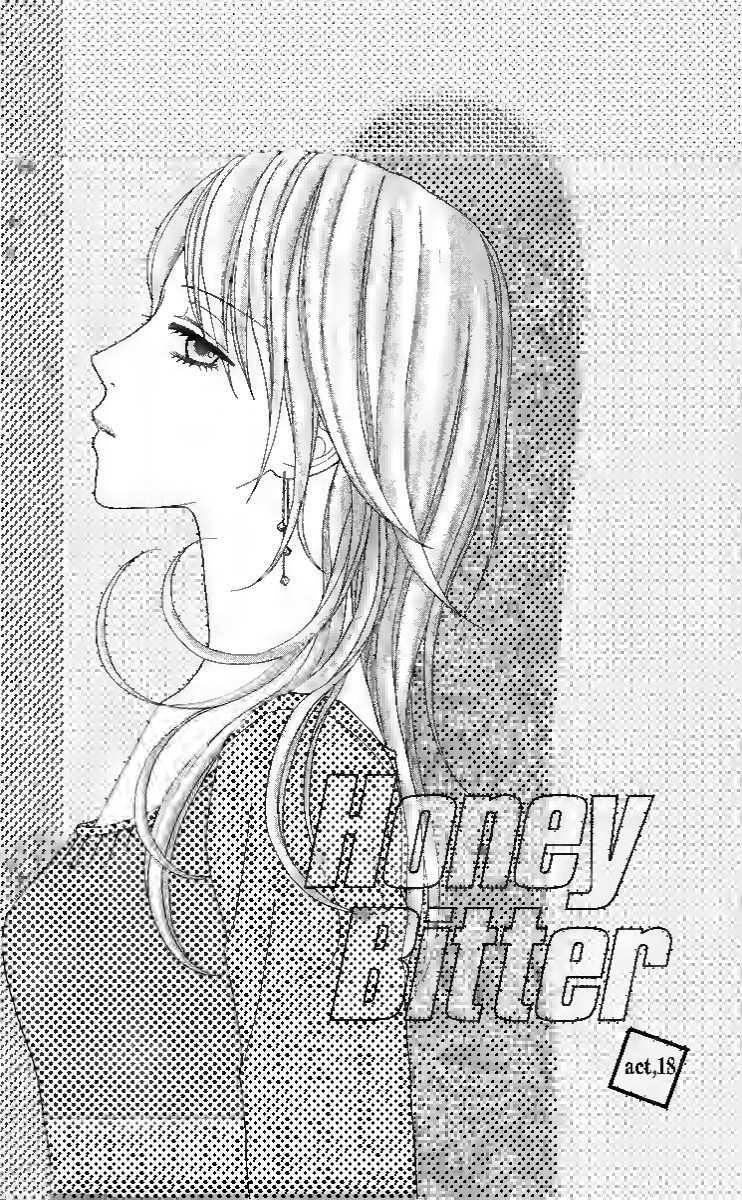
And they're endangered species! How do you want us to replace him?!
Idiot! If he dies, we won't get any release!
#...%)*X ///...
OH!
He's alive
CAN YOU STILL EDIT, SIR?
*!/@3Z#!...
I have too many projects.
H-help... We...need... E-editors...
EF needs EDITORS.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SHATTERS
AHHHHH...
Woooh.oooo!
I WAS RIGHT ON TARGET----!!

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RATTLE
RATTLE
IT HAS JUST TAKEN OFF!
THE HELI-COPTER?
IT FAILED...
CAN IT ONLY BE DEACTIVATED BY HOLDING DOWN THE BUTTON? THE DART DIDN'T WORK?!
WHY DIDN'T IT WORK?!
20 SECONDS LEFT
flickers
EH?!
YOUTA, JUST RUN---!!
SPINNING

RATTLE
RATTLE
AHHHHH... KYAAAAAAAAA!!
TIME'S UP.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?!
UP...
AH...
SHIURI-SAN...
JUST ONCE IS ENOUGH
HUH?
I'm still breathing in fresh air?
PLEASE CONFIRM IT HAS STOPPED!!
KUBO,
HAS THE TIMER STOPPED?
I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU ONE LAST TIME...

IT'S STOPPED!
0'03"2
HMM...
PEEKS
I MADE IT! KUBO IS THE HERO AFTER ALL!!
IT'S FREAKING STOPPED!!
HOLD ON! IT WASN'T YOU WHO DEACTIVATED THE GAS BOMB!

Lucky enough the remote control was flashing lights at the last moment
THE TIMER HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED!!
IT'S STOPPED!
IT SEEMS LIKE THE BOMB HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED!
Wahhh!
Yeahhhh!
A SPECIAL ASSAULT TEAM HAVE INFILTRATED THE HOTEL TOO!
THIS PLACE IS NOW FREE OF TERRORISTS
PLEASE LEAVE THE HOTEL CALMLY NOW!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THAT'S GREAT!
SIGH...
No...
WE ARE NOT IN THE BEST CONDITION BUT...
It's still great nevertheless!

THE MOST IDEAL ENDING TO THIS ORDEAL WILL BE TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE AND ARREST MEMBERS OF ANAKI BUT I SIMPLY DON'T THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE
I DON'T THINK THEY'LL KILL US BEFORE SORTING OUT THEIR DEAL AT THE AIR, OK ?
CLACK
WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?
MY EARPHONES ARE NO LONGER WORKING WE CAN ONLY RELY ON ZIKI'S
OH !
EXTENDS
Is he Making...
WHAT?!
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

RATTLE
LET'S TOAST OUR VICTORY, LEADER!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THE ENTIRE HOTEL SHOULD BE FILLED WITH TOXIC GAS BY NOW
COME TOMORROW MORNING THE WORLD WILL BE TALKING ABOUT US!
RATTLE
HHHHMM
WE HAVEN'T EVEN COMPLETED OUR DEAL AT THE AIRPORT!
THIS IS NO TIME TO RELAX!!
NO!
WELL THAT I THOUGHT THEY HAD STAYED BEHIND ON LEADER'S ORDERS
FEELING SUSPICIOUS AND UNEASY ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THREE OF OUR PEOPLE?
BESIDES, AREN'T YOU GUYS...

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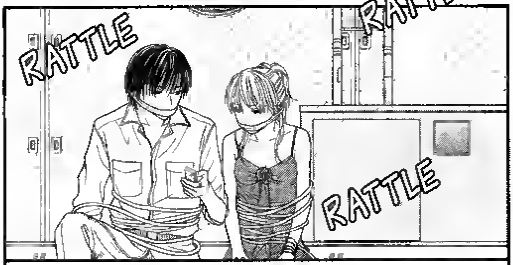
THOSE TWO MUST HAVE OTHER COMRADES IN THE HOTEL!
DOES THAT MEAN THREE OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE POLICE...?
I'M AFRAID SO
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO THOSE TWO HOSTAGES?
WE'LL USE THAT GIRL'S ABILITIES FOR OUR BENEFIT.
THE OTHER ONE WILL BE USELESS ONCE WE COMPLETE OUR DEAL AT THE AIRPORT.

I CAN SENSE HIS HATRED TOWARDS US.
I BET...
BUT HE WON'T KILL US BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT.
I'LL NOT GIVE THEM AN EASY DEATH IF THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE HOPING FOR
THEN WE WON'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL THEN...
VIBRATES

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...
EH?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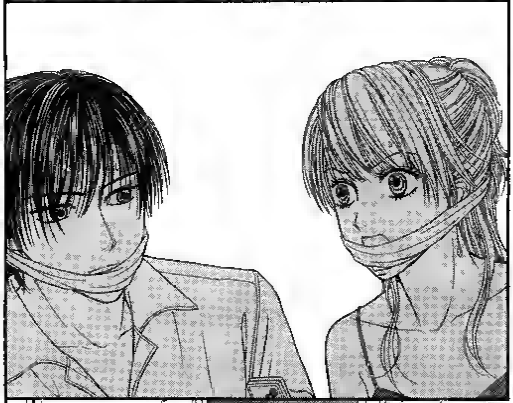
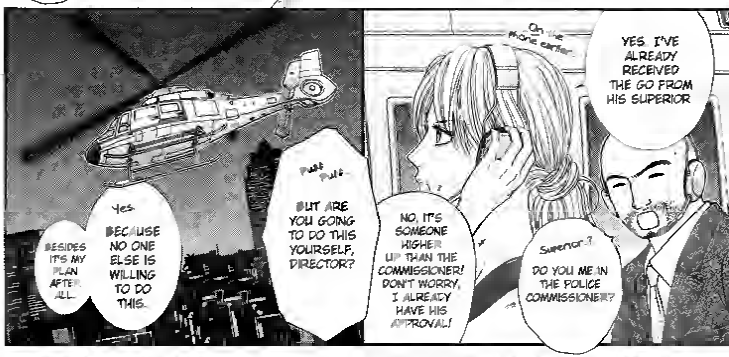


HMM... WE GOTTA TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
FOR REAL...?
RATTLE
RATTLE

I HAVEN'T APPROVED YOUR ACTION!!
TAKE OFF!
Stop spouting nonsense!
Goodbye
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
SLOW DOWN, KOUNO-KUN!
I THINK WE SHOULD WAIT A BIT AND CONFRONT THEM AT THE AIRPORT! OTHERWISE IT'S SIMPLY TOO RISKY!
Listen to me!
IF WE DO IT MY WAY, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO CAPTURE THEM!
THEY MUST HAVE ALREADY PLANNED AN ESCAPE ROUTE AT THE AIRPORT
BUT...


On the phone earlier
YES, I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THE GO FROM HIS SUPERIOR
Pulse Pulse
BUT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS YOURSELF, DIRECTOR?
NO, IT'S SOMEONE HIGHER UP THAN THE COMMISSIONER! DON'T WORRY, I ALREADY HAVE HIS APPROVAL!
Superior...?
DO YOU MEAN THE POLICE COMMISSIONER?
Yes.
BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE IS WILLING TO DO THIS.
BESIDES IT'S MY PLAN AFTER ALL.

ARE THEY IN A MEETING?
THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT US.
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WATCHING US FROM THE OTHER SIDE AND A PILOT TOO.
OKAY... LET'S DO IT!

TOHIKO.
IRIKA.
YUUKO.
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO FINISH MY ASSIGNMENT
WHY AM I ASSIGNED TO FLYING THESE TEKKORISTS?
WILL I SURVIVE?
GAHHH!
SO SLEEPY!
CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT
SO SLEEPY!
WHY AM I DOING THE BORING JOB OF WATCHING THEM?
I WONDER HOW IT TURNED OUT AT THE HOTEL!
I NEED A REPLACEMENT!
I CAN'T BLOODY HEAR YOU!!
RATTLE
BUT...
SHE LOOKS SO ADORABLE...!
WHAT?!
RATTLE
I WONDER IF LEADER WILL LET ME SLEEP WITH HER?
HMM...
SHE'S FIT
WHAT?!
BUT...
SHE LOOKS SO ADORABLE...!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHEN ON EARTH DID SHE
WAHHH?!
EH, THE RESTRAINT
WHO UNDID HER RESTRAINT?!
WHAT!!
WHAT ON EARTH?
RATTLE
RATTLE

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS MAN...
RATTLE
RATTLE
AHHHHH!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THIS MAN!
KYAAAAAA!
AHHH!
SHIT!
RATTLE
SHIT!

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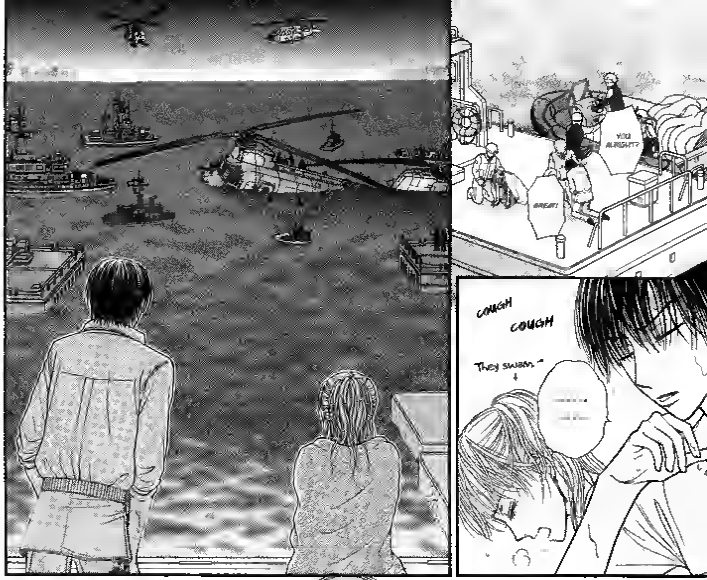
LEADER, THERE'S ANOTHER HELICOPTER TAILING US BEHIND!
RATTLE
RATTLE
POLICE?
NOT SURE YET.
FIND OUT AT ONCE!
PREPARE FOR AN ALL OUT ATTACK!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
DIRECTOR——!!
Great!
THE NAVY ARE ON STANDBY AS WELL
PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
NO WORRIES .. I'M GOOD AT WHAT I DO!
Learned it when I was inmate.
AH! TARGET LOCK ON!
HEEE HAWW!
It's bloody heavy
Pssh! Be careful!
Stop being so arrogant!

BAAAAAM!
PSSHHHHH!
KER-THUMMMP!!
On target.
IT SHOULD DECLINE TOWARDS THE SEA NOW...
What
WHAT A SHOT!

FALL... FALLING!
PARA-CHUTE...?
WHERE ARE THEY?
RATTLE
WHERE ARE THOSE TWO?!
RATTLE
DAMN!
I LOST OUR ONLY COMMUNI-CATION DEVICE...!
THE DIRECTOR MUST BE CRAZY! SHE EXPECTED US TO ACT SO QUICKLY AFTER SUCH A CRAZY MESSAGE
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE SHE TRUSTS US ENOUGH...
YOUR HELICOPTER WILL BE GUNNED DOWN ONCE IT MOVES ABOVE SEA. PLEASE FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS!! (^_^)v

YOU HAVE...
YEAH
YOU'VE WORKED HARD
WUU HMM ERM
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
Speaking of which...
I'M SORRY
HUH?
What is it?
I ACCIDENTALLY CALLED YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME EARLIER.
IT'S OKAY FORGET IT...
THIS IS NO TIME TO DWELL ON SUCH MATTER.
CAN... CAN YOU NOT HUG ME SO TIGHTLY?
WHAT NONSENSE! YOU WILL SLIP AND FALL IF YOU DON'T HANG ON TO ME TIGHTLY!
BUT WE CAN'T CARRY ON LIKE THIS... BECAUSE WE'LL LAND IN THE SEA...
I CAN'T CONTROL IT!
WAHHH! NO!
SO I NEED TO SWIM?
YEA O... YOU'LL DROWN!


YOU ALRIGHT?
AHEM!
COUGH
COUGH
They swam...

The helicopter still hasn't sunk.
THAT WAS A GREAT SHOT!
BETTER STILL EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL BE ARRESTED!
I BET THEY'RE TRAPPED IN CHAOS AND FEAR RIGHT NOW!

Touches
Wahhhh!
New Imperial
Wuuuuuu
SHURI-SAN!!

AH! THERE YOU ARE, YAKI-SAN!!
WHAT A SUCCESS, CHIEF!
I FEEL LIKE I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING...
EVERYONE FROM ANARI INCLUDING THEIR LEADER, SHIDOU HAVE BEEN ARRESTED
FOUR ARE SEVERELY INJURED APART FROM TWO MISSING ANARI MEMBERS...
AS FOR ANARI...
ONE WAS FOUND DEAD AT PROFESSOR AMABE'S RESEARCH FACILITY
ONE OF THE HOSTAGES HAS BEEN HOSPITALISED AFTER BEING SHOT TWICE

KO... KOUNO-KUN I...
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING
BUT IF IT'S A WARNING YOU WISH TO GIVE ME I'LL TAKE IT WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION
BUT CAN YOU PLEASE ARRANGE THE INTERROGATION ON ANOTHER DAY?
MY COLLEAGUES ARE VERY OVERWORKED RIGHT NOW...
YEAH... DEFINITELY.
KOUNO-KUN!
SLAM
EH!
You're here already
GOOD EVENING, SIR!
KOUNO-KUN...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETURN TO THE POLICE FORCE ?
YOU... YOU'VE DONE WELL!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE FOR NOW
THANK YOU!
NO...
JUDGING BY HOW UNDISCIPLINED I AM, I DON'T THINK I FIT TO BE ONE. I'M SORRY.
I SEE...
THEN I CAN ONLY SAY THANK YOU.
YOU'RE WELCOME

COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR MORE!
I'M STILL ALIVE.
I WANT TO SEE THEM.
WHAT A RELIEF!
YAY!
FAMILY.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
I'M SO HAPPY.
SO HOME NOW!
SOUND AND SAFE!
WAHHH!
SUCH AN ORDEAL...
I MUST LIVE AND APPRECIATE EVERYDAY FROM NOW ONWARDS!
I WANT TO GO HOME NOW!
ARE THE ROADS STILL BARRICADED?
BUT WE'RE SAFE NOW!
SO COURAGEOUS!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THAT GIRL...
THEY TOOK DOWN THE TERRORISTS!
SHE WAS HELD CAPTIVE FOR A WHILE TOO!
THAT GIRL WHO CONFRONTED THE TERRORISTS, HOW COURAGEOUS IS SHE RIGHT NOW...?
THIS IS...
THE IDEAL ENDING!
WHO DID SO MUCH FOR US!
THAT BRAVE GIRL.

JUST LIKE THAT...
THOSE PEOPLE...
ARE THEY OKAY?
AND "KOUNO-SAN," THEY ARE BOTH PART OF "OFFICE S"...
AND "OTOKI-SAN"... WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
SNEEZE
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THE ROAR BLOCK HAS BEEN REMOVED!
LET'S GO HOME!
ARE WE GOING TO BE FAMOUS NOW...?!
WHAT! YOU GAVE THE REPORTERS OUR INFORMATION?!
BUT WHAT A TIRING NIGHT. I'M DRAINED.
INDEED...
New Imperial
AFTER UNDERGOING THIS NERVE-WRECKING ORDEAL AND BEING HELD CAPTIVE...
OFFICE S AND ITS INVESTIGATOR, "OTOKI TAMAKO"...
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Even though I haven't contributed much to this job...
ONE OF THE PROFESSOR'S RESEARCHERS WAS KILLED
WE'VE WORKED SO HARD!
Even Shikou is arrested!
BUT WHY?
EHHHH?!
I GUESS WE WON'T BE PAID FOR THIS JOB
BUT STILL WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO FULFILL OUR CLIENT, TAKEI-SAN'S REQUESTS
THAT'S WHAT TAKEI-SAN SAID ANYWAY...
I DECIDED NOT TO TAKE HER PAYMENT...
BUT IT WAS A JOB REQUESTED AT THE LAST MINUTE...
And the unforeseen circumstances at the hotel
WE SHOULD HAVE REALLY PAID MORE ATTENTION TO PROFESSOR AMANE SINCE WE WERE HIRED TO PROTECT HIM.

SHE MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED SOMETHING SIMILAR IN THE PAST
THE PAINFUL STRUGGLES IN A NEAR-DEATH SITUATION
OKAY?
YES
YES
NEVER AGAIN...
SAHO-SAN!
IT'S A PITY AN INNOCENT LIFE WAS TAKEN AWAY...
I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!

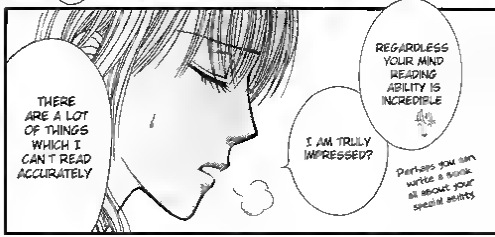
He looks rather haunted.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK.
YOU.
YOU TOO...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YOU SHOULD ALSO WORK ON YOU HAIR!
EH?!
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF. PLEASE LET ME OFF AT THE NEXT SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS
What a friend, Mari!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY?
YEAH, I'VE HAD A HALF DAY OFF
I HAVEN'T THANKED HIM...
FOR KEEPING ME SAFE AND TAKING CARE OF ME...
HMM... I GUESS I'LL DO IT NEXT TIME.
REALISATION
THANK...
THANK-YOU
BUZZZZZZ
HE REALLY IS...
HE'S SO PROFESSION...
YEAH...
RIKI IS REALLY TOUGH AND DETERMINED...
BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY...

IT SURPRISED ME HOW EASY IT WAS TO READ SHIDOU'S MIND.
Thank God for that
REALLY? THANK YOU.
BUT SHIORI, YOU DID EXCEPTIONALLY WELL TOO!
WELL DONE!

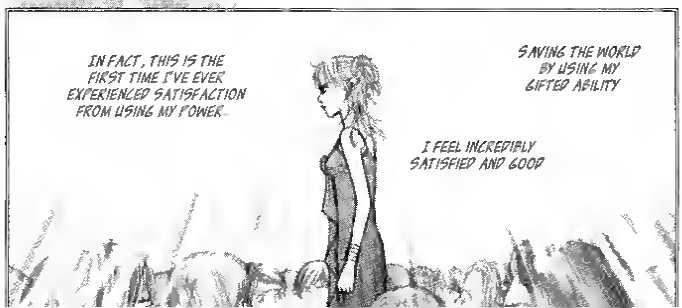
OH! BY THE WAY, YOU!!...
I'VE NEVER SAID I CAN READ ALL DANGER FROM THE FUTURE!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ACTED RASH JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T PREDICT ANYTHING BAD!
AH.
REALLY?
Close call

SPEAKING OF WHICH...

DURING THE HOLD UP


REGARDLESS YOUR MIND READING ABILITY IS INCREDIBLE
Perhaps you can write a book all about your special ability
I AM TRULY IMPRESSED?
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WHICH I CAN'T READ ACCURATELY

I WANTED TO SAVE EVERYONE I COULD EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T AN ORDER FROM SAHO-SAN


IN FACT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED SATISFACTION FROM USING MY POWER...
SAVING THE WORLD BY USING MY GIFTED ABILITY
I FEEL INCREDIBLY SATISFIED AND GOOD

STARES
YOU ARE...
WHAT DEEP IN THOUGHT AGAIN!
IT TOOK SUCH AN ORDEAL TO DISCOVER WHO I TRULY AM...
BUT I HAVE NO REGRETS, EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A NORMAL PERSON.
HOWEVER-----
.....
OH, ARE YOU READING MY MIND NOW?
SUCCESS! I'VE INFILTRATED YOUR MIND!
NO
I GUESS IT'S OKAY
AT THE LAST CRITICAL MOMENT
I WAS PRAYING FOR THE SAFETY OF ONLY ONE PERSON

I GUESS IT'S NORMAL.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
AHHH!
WE'VE GOT A CALL!
For a new job?
SAHO-SAN, IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK...
WILL YOU PLEASE REJECT ANY LAST MINUTE JOBS FOR NOW?
Haha!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'LL LET IT RING OUT.
BECAUSE OF THAT, OFFICE S WILL NEVER GET NEW JOBS ANYMORE.
YOUTA, I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO SPEAK LIKE THAT!
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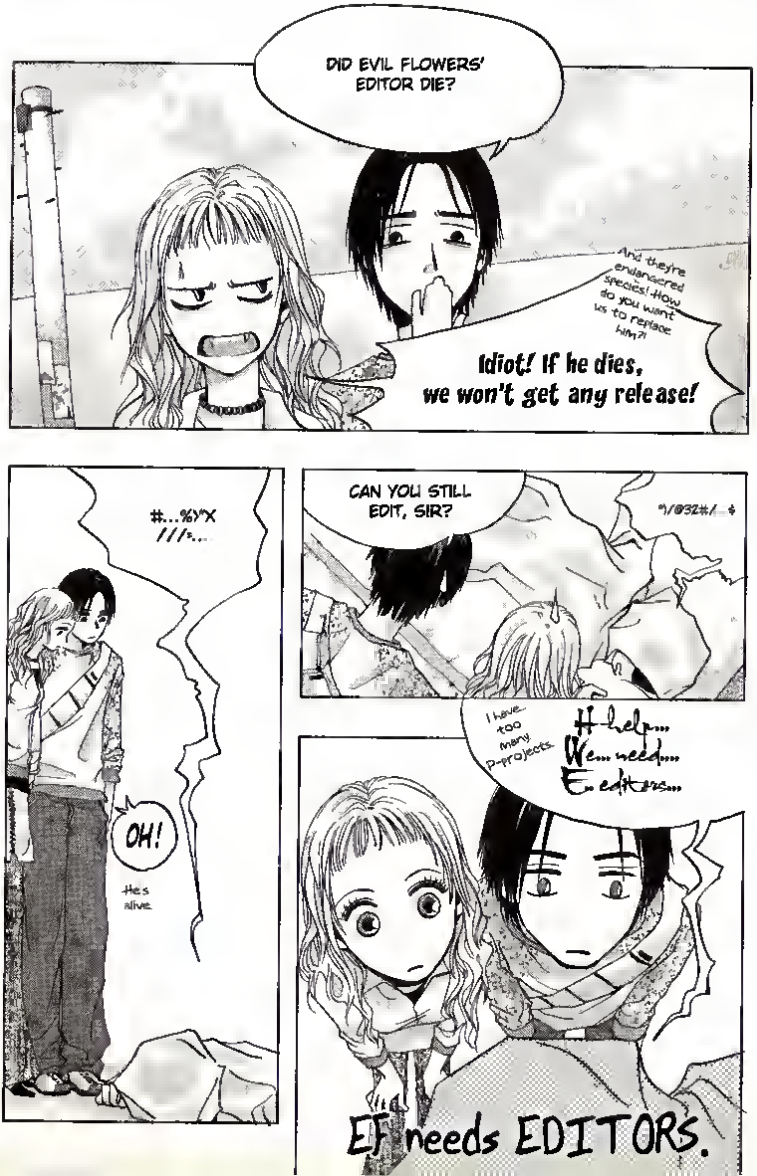
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